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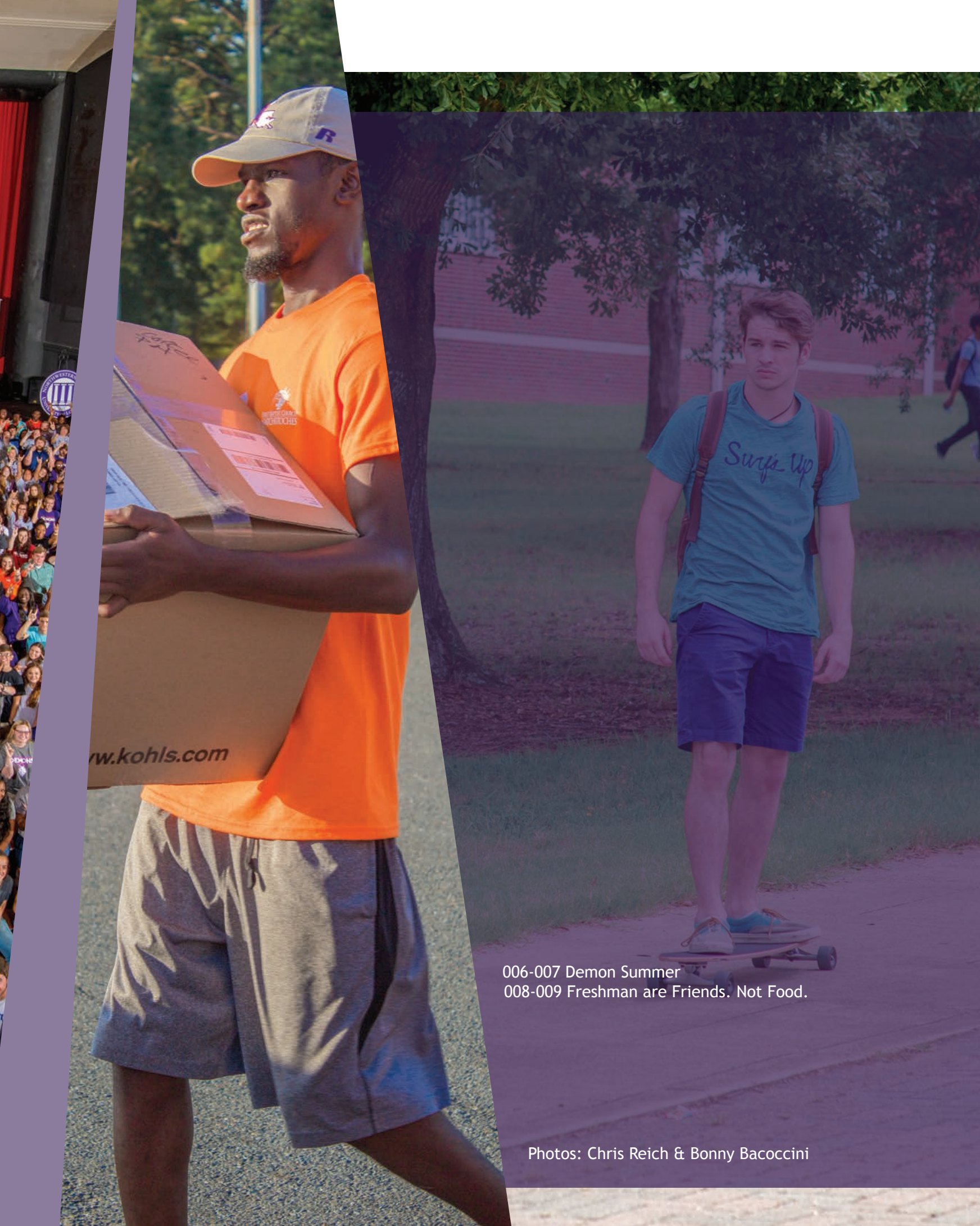




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Ieshia Thomas & fellow interns



Anthony Cannata & Kaitlyn Arena



Kaitlyn Arena & fellow cast members



Jessi Hebert



Demon Summer 2017

Summer vacation is only three months out of the year for Northwestern State University students. During this time, they can go on vacations, mission trips, get full-time/part-time jobs, go back home, or even do summer classes. Some people took on internships to gain experience within their field of interest. Summer is a time for adventures and new opportunities before the new school year starts.

Ieshia Thomas, junior, decided to dip her feet into the life of a first-year law student. SPPARK is the Summer Pre-law Program hosted at the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville, Arkansas. During the three-week program, the students completed assignments, visited the Walmart legal department, and met with attorneys, judges, policemen, and the former supreme justice of Arkansas. Kaplan, a test preparation company, gave a free LSAT practice test to the students at the end of the program. Thomas had a blast, during free time, going to exhibits, a trampoline place, and eating Arkansas's finest dishes. "I actually want to go there for law school now," Ieshia commented.

The DCP has changed my life and I suggest that everyone apply because it is one of the greatest opportunities that I ever had.

Kaitlyn Arena, senior, has contributed to the magic of the Disney College Program for two years now. The Disney College Program is an opportunity for college students to work at Disneyland in Anaheim or Walt Disney World in Orlando. It is a great way to strengthen their resumes by working for the largest entertainment company in the world. Kaitlyn Arena is a die-hard Disney fan who was excited to work at Disney World again. "The DCP has changed my life and I suggest that everyone apply because it is one of the greatest opportunities that I ever had," she remarked. From Brazil to Turkey, Kaitlyn found lifelong friendships within the Disney world. Jessi Hebert, senior, went on an all-expenses paid trip to Aruba, a tiny island off the coast of Venezuela. The senior and her family stayed on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world where they relaxed and snorkeled. They also went on a deep-sea fishing extravaganza, but sadly did not catch anything. Jessi and her mother received a full body massage while on the trip. Jessi rated this trip "a 10/10" and is ready to head back to the sand and sun.

By: Megan Palmer



Aruba, Photos: Jessi Hebert



Freshmen are Friends, Not Food.

Freshman year is a magical time. You're finally on your own. You realize you have the option to skip class. (Don't.) You have discovered this newfound freedom, and the world has become so much bigger than you thought it was. However, starting over at the bottom of the food chain can have its drawbacks. Instead of trying to tell the upperclassmen, "Freshman are friends. Not food," consider the following freshmen mistakes to avoid any jokes that may befall you.

By: Kierstin Richter



Class of 2021 runs onto the field at the Inferno, Photo: Justin Burr



Hayley Sylvester, sophomore, helps freshman, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Hayden Robertson & Adam Courville, Photo: Chris Reich



You Might Be a Freshman If...

- You wear your student I.D. and/or room keys on a lanyard around your neck.
- You look both ways before crossing the street. (Pro tip: if you get hit in a crosswalk, consider your tuition paid.)
- You wear any high school paraphernalia (including, but not limited to: letterman jackets, T-shirts, etc.)
- You go out before 11 p.m.
- You ask for directions. (Seriously, Natty isn't that big.)
- Your Facebook album is titled something cliché like "I Love College" or "FR3\$HM4N."
- You're wearing heels to class.
- You arrive at a party with your whole dorm floor squad.
- You tell everyone the next day how you were "sooooo drunk."
- You take pictures of every Solo cup, wristband, and pre-game to show your high school friends you're cool now.
- You drive to class from the dorms. (Pro tip: Don't do this unless you want upperclassmen commuters to hate you.)
- You freak out when you see how much textbooks cost. (Pro tip: www.chegg.com)
- You start conversations with "So like, what's your major?"
- You run the wrong way on the track in the WRAC.
- You're wearing your senior ring.
- You always wear your free T-shirts with a school logo you got at some Welcome Week event.
- You say Iberville. (Pro tip: It's the 'Caf.)
- You ask if you can get a student discount anywhere off campus. (Actually, every broke college student does this. Don't feel bad. We're all starving here.)
- You tell people you know exactly what you want to do with your major.
- You think you're getting your life together anytime soon. Good luck, Freshie.



Professor Antoon lecturing,
Photo: Chris Reich





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Photos: Chris Reich, Justin Burr



Photos: Kaitlyn Arena



Disney College Program

Magical- the single best word to describe a day in the Disney College Program. Every day brings with it the opportunity to bring someone's lifelong dreams to fruition, whether it be helping a guest meet their all-time favorite character or recording a couple's proposal. Working for the Disney College Program offers the participants a rare chance to make people's wishes and dreams come true every single day, and who wouldn't want to help bring the magic to life? Recent Northwestern State graduate Ashleigh Ranatza had the chance to do just that: "My experiences with the college program were just amazing! You learn so much about work ethic and how to be professional - all while having fun. Disney has given me some of my best friends, best memories, and in the end really helped me find myself!"

This spring Anthony Cannata embarked on his own journey with the Walt Disney Company. "Doing the college program was one of the greatest decisions I could have made following graduation. I loved my role and the program itself was a great time. I would recommend it to anyone." Following the completion of his program, Anthony was able to secure a professional internship with the Walt Disney Company, and he credits much of that to doing the college program, "The program allowed me the opportunity to network within the company and get my foot in the door." Of course, moving to a new city where you do not know anybody can be incredibly nerve wracking, but it always helps to have your fellow Demons to lean on! Ranatza felt incredibly comforted knowing she had a few friends from back home there with her to help comfort her when she was feeling homesick. Cannata was "really glad [he] got to go through this experience with other Northwestern State students. It was awesome and definitely made the transition easier." The chance to make magic for guests from all over the world is out there and available to all students! Lifelong memories and friendships from around the globe are just a few of the incredible things you can get from doing the Disney College Program, so get out there and make your wishes come true and find your happiness ever after!

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By: Katie Gallinghouse





Demonfest

KNWD

Demon Fest is a huge two-day music show hosted by KNWD, NSU's student radio station. It is usually held outside, but this year, it was expected to rain during its scheduled time. Not wanting to take any chances, KNWD took over Prather Coliseum to host this huge event. With the performances inside, space was limited for the large crowds coming in. The event still brought hundreds of people to listen to the different types of music.

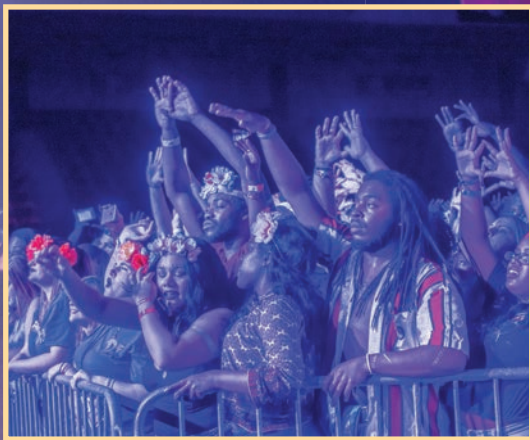
For entertainment, 3OH!3 headlined the first day, and SWMRS headlined for the second. Other bands included DJENKO, Rareluth, SAVEJ, Harbor, BRDFRD, Shayliff, Maxdab, Bexdwn, Senju the Satellite, The Wall Chargers, Crossroads, at aurora and Lydia the SAB "Finding Our Voice" winner. Bands were so different from each other that they gave students a variety of music to listen to. Even though the event

was moved inside, the change did not dampen the great musical vibe each of the bands brought. Noah Baudoin, the 2017-2018 General Manager for KNWD, was very excited and nervous to what the new arrangement would bring. "When DemonFest had to move to Prather, I was happy about not setting up barricades even though we still had to in the end. Setting up the big stage was easier because the ground was so level," said Baudoin.

My highlight of the night was when 3OH!3 played and I jumped the barrier to the side of the stage, with permission.

Baudoin says, "My highlight of the night was when 3OH!3 played and I jumped the barrier to the side of the stage, with permission. I could see the biggest DemonFest crowd ever jumping up and down at the same time in sync with 3OH!3's music." DemonFest is such a great event where friends have fun and listen to great music together.

By: Megan Palmer
Photos: Rachel Neathamer



Lead guitarist of Shayfliff



Investiture of the 19th President Dr. Chris Maggio

On Sept. 15, 2017, the sun shone brightly through the stained glass windows of The Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, just as brightly as Dr. Chris Maggio's future as president of Northwestern State. The day of festivities started off with a Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by the investiture at A.A. Fredericks Auditorium. Dr. Joseph Christopher Maggio has had a long and successful career with the university since his graduation in 1985. Maggio has worked all over campus, serving as dean of students, director of alumni affairs, and even track and field coach. While serving as the director of alumni and development he was able to raise 31 million, which well exceeded the goal of \$18.84 million. This fall, Maggio was installed as the nineteenth president of Northwestern State by UL system president Dr. Jim Henderson and Otha C. Nelson III. Dr. Maggio has quite a few ideas on how to take Northwestern to even bigger and better heights. A native of Natchitoches, Maggio knows how much this great small town has to offer: "I want everyone to know what we experience here and bring Northwestern to a larger scale. The care, the family, the atmosphere...the experience that you can only get here, not at a bigger or smaller university, just here." Northwestern State is a very large and loving family who is incredibly proud to see another one of their own to center stage and lead the university ahead. "I want the world to see how great Northwestern is." The world will see how great both Northwestern and its nineteenth president are!

**I want the world
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By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Justin Burr



Larry's Group performs at the Investiture reception



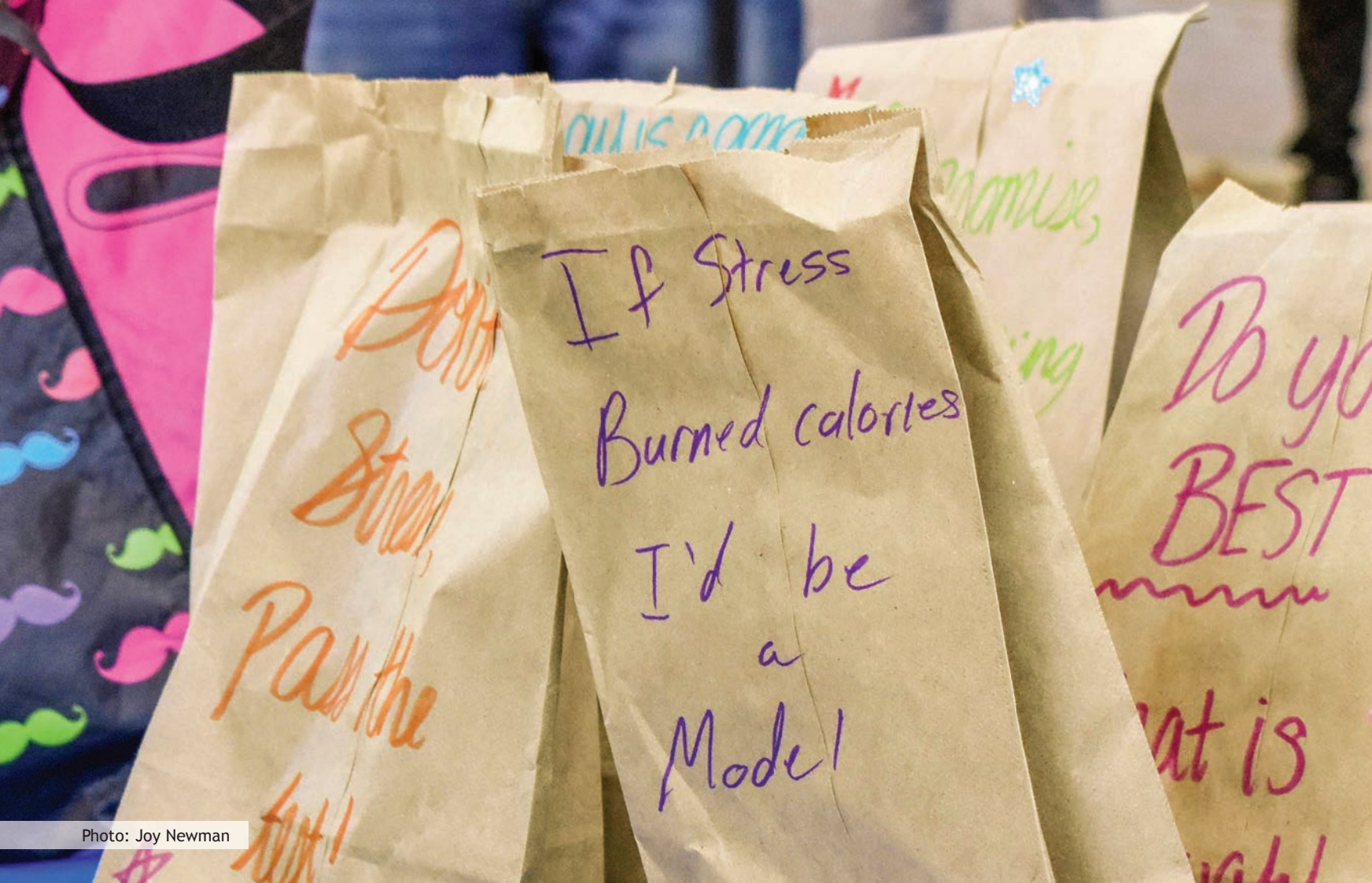


Photo: Joy Newman



Skye Guidroz studies in Morrison Hall, Photo: Joy Newman



Gabby D'antoni destresses with puppies, Photo: Joy Newman

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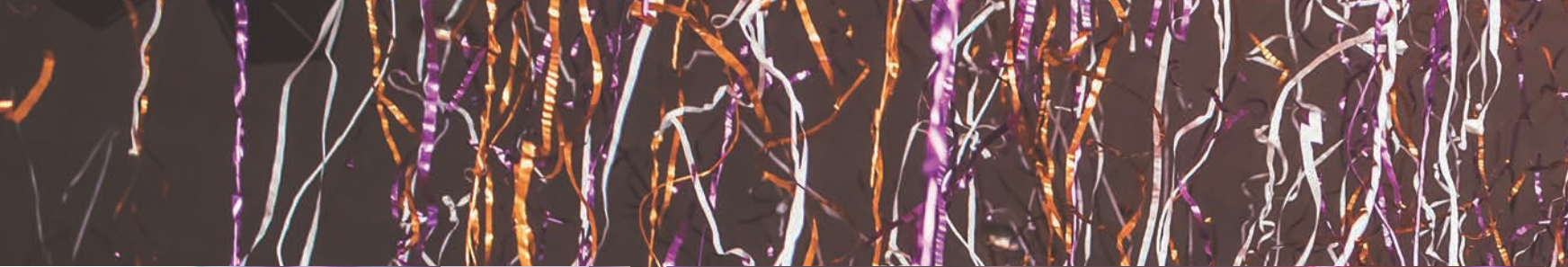


Photo: Chris Reich

Finals Survival

Through the dark misty fog lies Northwestern State University. Twice a year it becomes a desolate place where students stay huddled in the library or in their room cramming for exams. Most students are able to stay sane during this week, but there are many who succumb to insanity from staying up till 6 a.m. or studying for a test for a class they haven't paid attention in all semester. These are the monsters of NSU. Zombies amble through the halls and streets searching for delicious coffee, energy drinks and hot food. Vampires hiss at the morning light of an 8 a.m. exam of 150 questions. Many more monsters are resurrected during finals that study or work through the night. There are a few places that could suppress these monsters through the week - our very own Café DeMon and Watson library. The Café DeMon staff resembles angels from heaven with drinks and food that subdue the student monsters from going insane. The library knows how to make sure these monsters do not go on a rampage. They have been trained in the art of subduing monsters with giving access to the library till 2:00 a.m. and not disturbing those who need a quick power nap. Some are able to escape the curse by having only one or two tests during the week or not stressing out too much because they feel prepared. Some, on the other hand, have long tests every day of the week and make them think "What is this? We didn't learn this!" As it gets closer to the weekend, the monsters start reverting back to their original forms as students and are looking forward to spending time with family for the holidays. The campus takes a collective sigh as finals week comes to an end. Birds are singing and the fog has lifted off of NSU. Everything is back to normal in Demon land....or is it?

By: Megan Palmer



Hammond lake



Montriel Minor walks to shake Dr. Maggio's hand

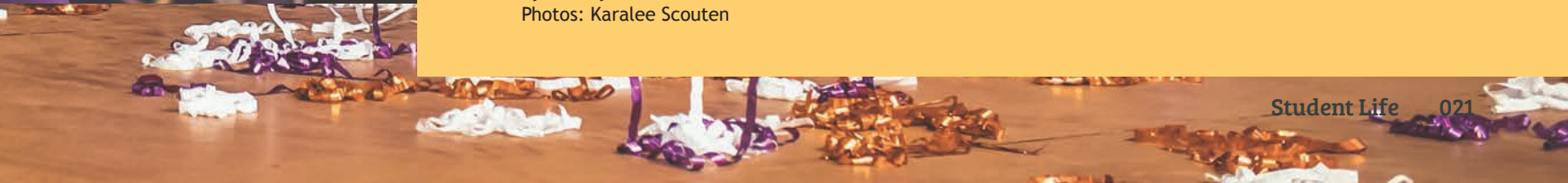




Graduation

There is nothing quite like realizing that you are finally done, no more all-nighters, 8 a.m.s, or last minute cramming for that forgotten exam. It is the day these students become alumni, the day they step foot into the world, the day that a chapter is closed and a new one begins. The ceremony is such an emotional experience for each individual, but not all for the same reasons. For Amber Potier it was all about getting to spend the moment with those closest to her. “[I] was able to lead the College of Education into Prather with my sorority big sister, Jessica Rousset, at my side.” For others it is the tradition that makes them emotional. Ashleigh Wright says, “The most memorable part of graduation for me was singing the Alma Mater. So many times I’d been in the orchestra playing it; three years in a row. It was surreal that I was at my own graduation hearing someone else play it and reflect on all the beautiful memories I made in Natchitoches.” Because of the size of the school, relationships are key at NSU. “I never would have met the people I consider to be the best friends I’ll ever have,” Wright says. As an alumna, Wright hopes to one day contribute to NSU like it has done to her. “In the future once I have finished school and have a steady income, I’d love to donate to the NSU Foundation to help provide scholarships to students from my hometown of Marthaville. I’d also like to be an active supporter of my sisters in my sorority in whatever capacity that might be.” Potier wants to take a trip back to Natchitoches and visit all of the people she met there. One thing is for sure though- no matter where you come from, whether it be right down the road or across the country, NSU and the people here will change you long after that first step onto campus.

By: Ashley Wisthoff
Photos: Karalee Scouten



Ariel Adkins, Paris



Karley Hebert, Paris

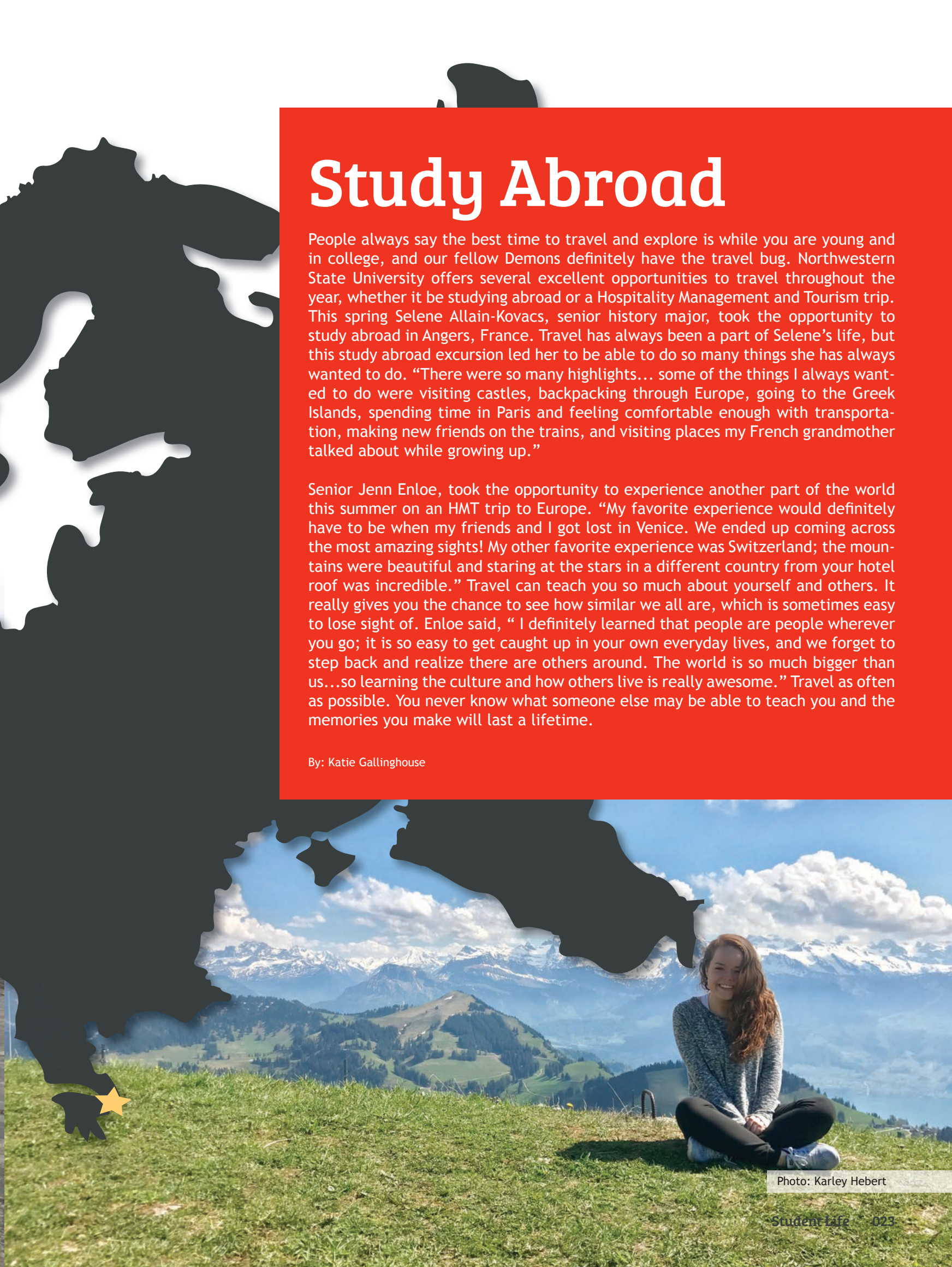


HMT students, Venice



French students, Angers





Study Abroad

People always say the best time to travel and explore is while you are young and in college, and our fellow Demons definitely have the travel bug. Northwestern State University offers several excellent opportunities to travel throughout the year, whether it be studying abroad or a Hospitality Management and Tourism trip. This spring Selene Allain-Kovacs, senior history major, took the opportunity to study abroad in Angers, France. Travel has always been a part of Selene's life, but this study abroad excursion led her to be able to do so many things she has always wanted to do. "There were so many highlights... some of the things I always wanted to do were visiting castles, backpacking through Europe, going to the Greek Islands, spending time in Paris and feeling comfortable enough with transportation, making new friends on the trains, and visiting places my French grandmother talked about while growing up."

Senior Jenn Enloe, took the opportunity to experience another part of the world this summer on an HMT trip to Europe. "My favorite experience would definitely have to be when my friends and I got lost in Venice. We ended up coming across the most amazing sights! My other favorite experience was Switzerland; the mountains were beautiful and staring at the stars in a different country from your hotel roof was incredible." Travel can teach you so much about yourself and others. It really gives you the chance to see how similar we all are, which is sometimes easy to lose sight of. Enloe said, "I definitely learned that people are people wherever you go; it is so easy to get caught up in your own everyday lives, and we forget to step back and realize there are others around. The world is so much bigger than us...so learning the culture and how others live is really awesome." Travel as often as possible. You never know what someone else may be able to teach you and the memories you make will last a lifetime.

By: Katie Gallinghouse

Photo: Karley Hebert

Varnado Hall



CLV Contractor explains renovations



Photo: Chris Reich

Northwestern's oldest facility, Varnado Hall, received a facelift this summer. Built in 1939, Varnado started as women's dormitory. It was named after Miss Dean Varnado, the first dean of women for Varnado Hall. The hall was dedicated in her memory after her death in 1954. This was not Varnado's first renovation. In 1989, the hall received new furniture, light fixtures and the wood work was preserved to honor the 1930s feel of the hall. In 2007 the university changed to a private company, Campus Living Villages, and for the next 10 years Varnado was used for overflow housing. Varnado received a second chance with another renovation that broke ground in spring 2017. With no time to waste, the renovations continued through the summer months. Renovations included entrance room, ballroom, hallways, bedrooms, bathrooms, basement and practice rooms.

Varnado Hall was built in collaboration with the Creative and Performing Arts department. With Varnado's close proximity to the CAPA building and the increase in CAPA students, it was a perfect match. Varnado now provides amenities such as 24-hour studio spaces, opportunities to meet and workshops with visiting artist, flexible performance and exhibition spaces, Wi-Fi throughout the facility, 24-hour computer labs, courses designed especially for CAPA resident students, recording studio space and extracurricular opportunities tailored for students in the arts. Senior Addison Hinson said, "I think it's nice that this is happening; it's going to be a great place for the students of CAPA, who don't always have the most ideal schedule."

Varnado Hall is now filled with CAPA students who are able to enjoy all of the amenities provided to them that is tailored to their department. Say goodbye to hauling giant instruments across campus, because now Varnado Hall is just around the corner, an ideal living space for every CAPA student.

By: Ashlyn Vitte



Photo: Chris reich



Move-in day,
Photo: Jacklyn Marr



Original chandeliers,
Photo: Chris Reich



First residents after the renovation,
Photo: Leslie Gruesbeck



First Lady Service Project

Literacy Campaign

Children ages 5-15 are facing a big change in their education systems. With school budget cuts affecting librarians and technology filling children's free time, there is not much time for reading. Northwestern's first lady, Jennifer Maggio, developed a service project, Forks Up for Literacy, to collect books for schools in Natchitoches Parish. She chose this project because she was a teacher and noticed that children did not like reading or did not have access to books. "My philosophy has always been to give back. We need to find something we are passionate about, something that helps you realize that the world is bigger than me, myself, and I and my problems," Maggio says. She hopes to help students find books that interest them so they can do better academically and have a love for learning.

The book drive took place at NSU's second home football game with a goal of 1,884 books to be donated in honor of the year that the university was founded. Maggio's goal was surpassed with a total of 2,400 books donated at that one collection time. She decided to continue the project and do collections at each home game with a goal of 1,884 books collected each time as well as going to the other NSU campuses.

Since the project was such a success Maggio expanded the delivery locations to not only Natchitoches Parish schools, but also the boys and girls club, Lake Charles, Huston and surrounding areas that were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

At the end of this year she would like the project to have given a book to a child who did not have access before, to help a child find a genre that they enjoy, and to inspire Northwestern students to find something they are passionate about and pay it forward.

"College is such a transition for students who may be struggling with some things," Maggio says. "Getting out and feeling like I am actually being helpful to someone else can help boost your self-esteem. It will make them feel like there is a purpose for me here; I am not just here by chance."

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By: Autumn Blanchard
Background photos: Joy Newman



Maggio collects books from the Leesville campus, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini

Miss Louisiana

This year, Northwestern State University was represented by six students who participated in the 54th Annual Miss Louisiana Pageant. Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Maria Rome, Miss Greater Baton Rouge Emily Jackson, Miss Bossier City Payton Curry, Miss Natchitoches Stephanie Parker, Miss Benton Erika Jarlock and Miss Louisiana Port City Hannah Teutsch, all competed for the crown back in June.

While pageants generally have a superficial reputation, the Miss Louisiana Organization proudly upholds the values of service, scholarship, style and success. Erika Jarlock, a junior musical theatre and dance double major, reminisces on the hard work, dedication and magic that happens behind the scenes. “We have to be healthy, talented, involved in philanthropic activities and organizations, up to date on current events and be able to walk in seven inch heels!” Jarlock said. “It’s a lot, but it is all more than worth it.”

Pageant contestants have the opportunity to serve a platform of their choice and make a difference in their local communities at a state level. Hannah Teutsch, a senior social work major, vividly remembers her experience playing bingo with residents at a veteran’s home. “Simply spending time with them and listening to them was just an incredible experience. This opportunity gave me the chance to give back to those who have given our country so much,” Teutsch said. She also appreciates the relationships she has made through the organization and being a part of women coming together to empower one another and bring about change across Louisiana.

The Miss Louisiana Organization also awards scholarships to its participants. Emily Jackson was awarded the Women in Nursing scholarship, and Maria Rome was awarded the Miss America Academic Award.

Though pageants require extensive preparation, the result proves to be very rewarding. Young women come together to serve, inspire, and empower one another through this organization, and they gain confidence and lifelong relationships along the way.

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By: Reagan Escude'
Photos: Steven Palowsky





Stephanie Parker, Senior



Maria Rome, Miss Northwestern
Lady of the Bracelet





Haleigh Gates, Glendalyn Boothe, Melissa Polizzi, Seth Gautreaux

Queer Prom

Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance hosted its first Queer Prom at Northwestern State's Natchitoches Campus. The theme of the event was Spooky. Demons Support Demons and Pride combined their efforts with FMLA to help make the event possible. Around 40 students attended, raising over \$300 for the non profit organization BreakOUT!.

BreakOUT! is a New Orleans based group that supports and seeks to stop the criminalization of LGBTQ+ youth of color. They hope to create a safer environment that is free from discrimination and harassment for these youths.

Project Celebration Inc. was also at the prom. They came to offer resources on domestic violence and healthy relationships. There were also resources provided to educate students on safe and consensual relations.

"Life is hard right now, for women, for LGBTQ+ folks, for people of color," Meg Denny, president of FMLA, said. "Queer Prom gave us a chance to dance off all of the political chaos for a night. I'm grateful for the spaces that allow us to blow off steam and love each other."

The prom was the last event in DSD's "It's On Us Week of Action." DSD hosts its Week of Action every semester to fight sexual assault. This semester's series of events included Speed Dating, Quiz on the Street, in which students were asked questions about dating violence and the Slut Walk protest down the Kyser brickway.

"Overall, I hope this Week of Action aided in the end of rape culture and victim blaming and to start consent culture on college campuses." DSD vice president Melissa Polizzi said, "I also hope Queer Prom showed people they are in a safe place at this university, and they have support."

Pride and FMLA hope to have more events like Queer Prom in which they create more safe spaces for students throughout the 2017-2018 academic year.

By: Glendalyn Boothe
Photos: Joy Newman



Katy Hebert dancing
with Cayman Watson



Meg Denny & Ashlyn Guidry



Organization Browse



Zack Breau, Reatha Cox, & Leighann Westfall



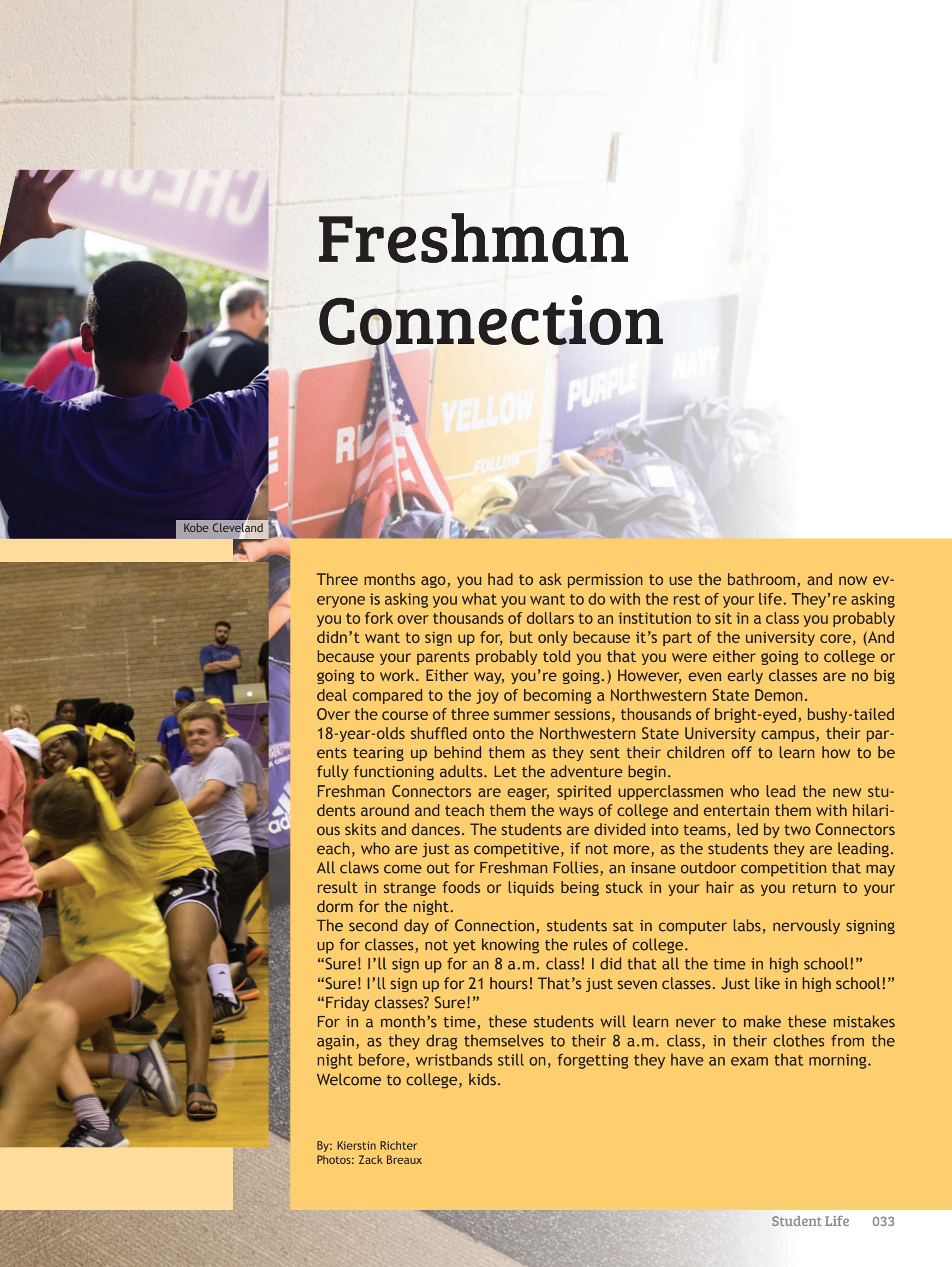
Session 3 Red Team



Yellow Team competes in Follies



Student Life



Freshman Connection

Kobe Cleveland

Three months ago, you had to ask permission to use the bathroom, and now everyone is asking you what you want to do with the rest of your life. They're asking you to fork over thousands of dollars to an institution to sit in a class you probably didn't want to sign up for, but only because it's part of the university core. (And because your parents probably told you that you were either going to college or going to work. Either way, you're going.) However, even early classes are no big deal compared to the joy of becoming a Northwestern State Demon.

Over the course of three summer sessions, thousands of bright-eyed, bushy-tailed 18-year-olds shuffled onto the Northwestern State University campus, their parents tearing up behind them as they sent their children off to learn how to be fully functioning adults. Let the adventure begin.

Freshman Connectors are eager, spirited upperclassmen who lead the new students around and teach them the ways of college and entertain them with hilarious skits and dances. The students are divided into teams, led by two Connectors each, who are just as competitive, if not more, as the students they are leading. All claws come out for Freshman Follies, an insane outdoor competition that may result in strange foods or liquids being stuck in your hair as you return to your dorm for the night.

The second day of Connection, students sat in computer labs, nervously signing up for classes, not yet knowing the rules of college.

"Sure! I'll sign up for an 8 a.m. class! I did that all the time in high school!"

"Sure! I'll sign up for 21 hours! That's just seven classes. Just like in high school!"

"Friday classes? Sure!"

For in a month's time, these students will learn never to make these mistakes again, as they drag themselves to their 8 a.m. class, in their clothes from the night before, wristbands still on, forgetting they have an exam that morning.

Welcome to college, kids.

By: Kierstin Richter
Photos: Zack Breaux



Jenna Baldwin and Inda Gurley
help with Move-in Day



Columns Apartments

Everybody remembers moving into their freshman dorm. Your parents are trailing behind you, carrying three boxes at a time as they hold back tears, trying to cope with the fact that their baby is leaving for college - into the wild unknown. You struggle to understand how to work the magnetic key fob, fumbling until it finally clicks and opens the door to reveal a white, empty, granted - still nicer than Tech's - dorm room. You set down your boxes, look around, and think "Yeah, man. College," as you give yourself a mental self-high-five. Upperclassmen of each and every organization help you carry all the boxes from your car and you pray that no one notices your teddy bear from home or the Hello-Kitty pillow you've slept with since age five. The comforts of home are hard to beat, but somehow, you don't want that cute upper-

classmen carrying your luggage to see. You dress up the room a little, tell your parents you'll wash your sheets every week, just like they did at home, and they have nothing to worry about. You are convinced that you and your roommate are the perfect pair, two peas in a pod. Everyone else may have roommate problems, but you're different. You're the exception. You two will get along just fine and healthy roommate boundaries will be set. Fast-forward to mid-semester and your sheets haven't been washed once, your dishes are stacked up as high as Everest, there is a failed Room Check slip from your RA, drenched in Ramen Noodle juice, and your roommate Becky has stolen all your Pop-Tarts. You're ready to move off campus. "I'll have my own place," you say. "I can keep it how I want."

Res Life

“Welcome to my Crib”



Move-in day

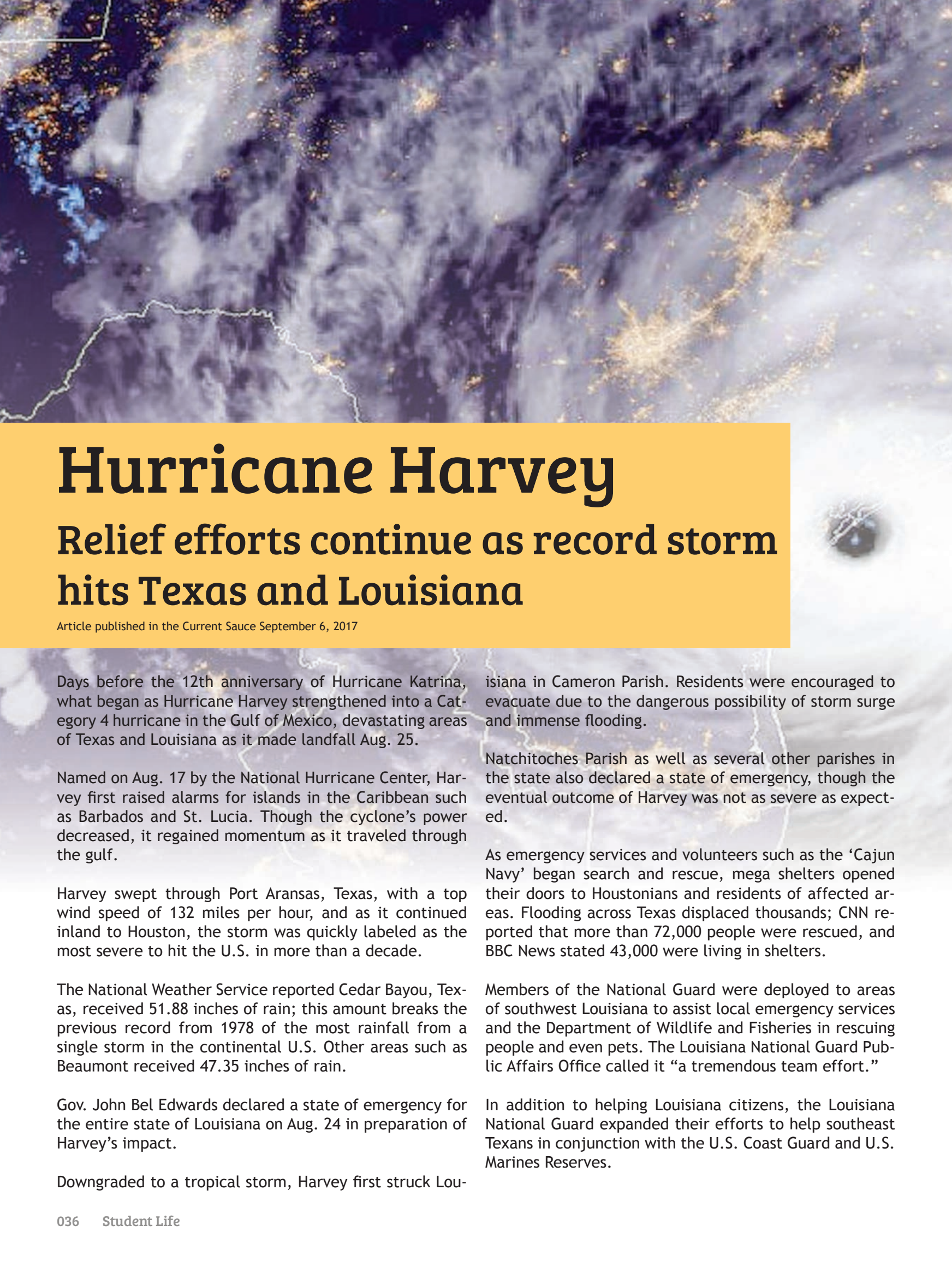
Well, plot twist, you are a broke college student and you can't afford to live on your own. So, once again, you begin the search for a couple roommates. In a town like Natchitoches, there is always someone looking for a place to live. So you look on the Natchitoches Homes for Rent Facebook page, find a couple normal-ish people, and set up shop in your swanky new place.

Little did you know that now that you live off campus, you can't wake up at 8:55 and still make it to your 8:00 class on time by sprinting down the sidewalk. You have to drive to class, and when you think you're about to make it to History on time, the infamous train blares its horn and you are stuck behind a line of 15 cars also trying to get to class on time. You sit there, tapping your foot, honking your horn, thinking “Why did I move off campus?!”

You moved off campus because once you are no longer a freshman, you get tired of seeing the new kids on the block trying their best to sneak bottles of Malibu into UP2. That's why you moved off campus.

By: Kierstin Richter
Photos: Bonny Bacoccini





Hurricane Harvey

Relief efforts continue as record storm hits Texas and Louisiana

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Days before the 12th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, what began as Hurricane Harvey strengthened into a Category 4 hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico, devastating areas of Texas and Louisiana as it made landfall Aug. 25.

Named on Aug. 17 by the National Hurricane Center, Harvey first raised alarms for islands in the Caribbean such as Barbados and St. Lucia. Though the cyclone's power decreased, it regained momentum as it traveled through the gulf.

Harvey swept through Port Aransas, Texas, with a top wind speed of 132 miles per hour, and as it continued inland to Houston, the storm was quickly labeled as the most severe to hit the U.S. in more than a decade.

The National Weather Service reported Cedar Bayou, Texas, received 51.88 inches of rain; this amount breaks the previous record from 1978 of the most rainfall from a single storm in the continental U.S. Other areas such as Beaumont received 47.35 inches of rain.

Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Louisiana on Aug. 24 in preparation of Harvey's impact.

Downgraded to a tropical storm, Harvey first struck Lou-

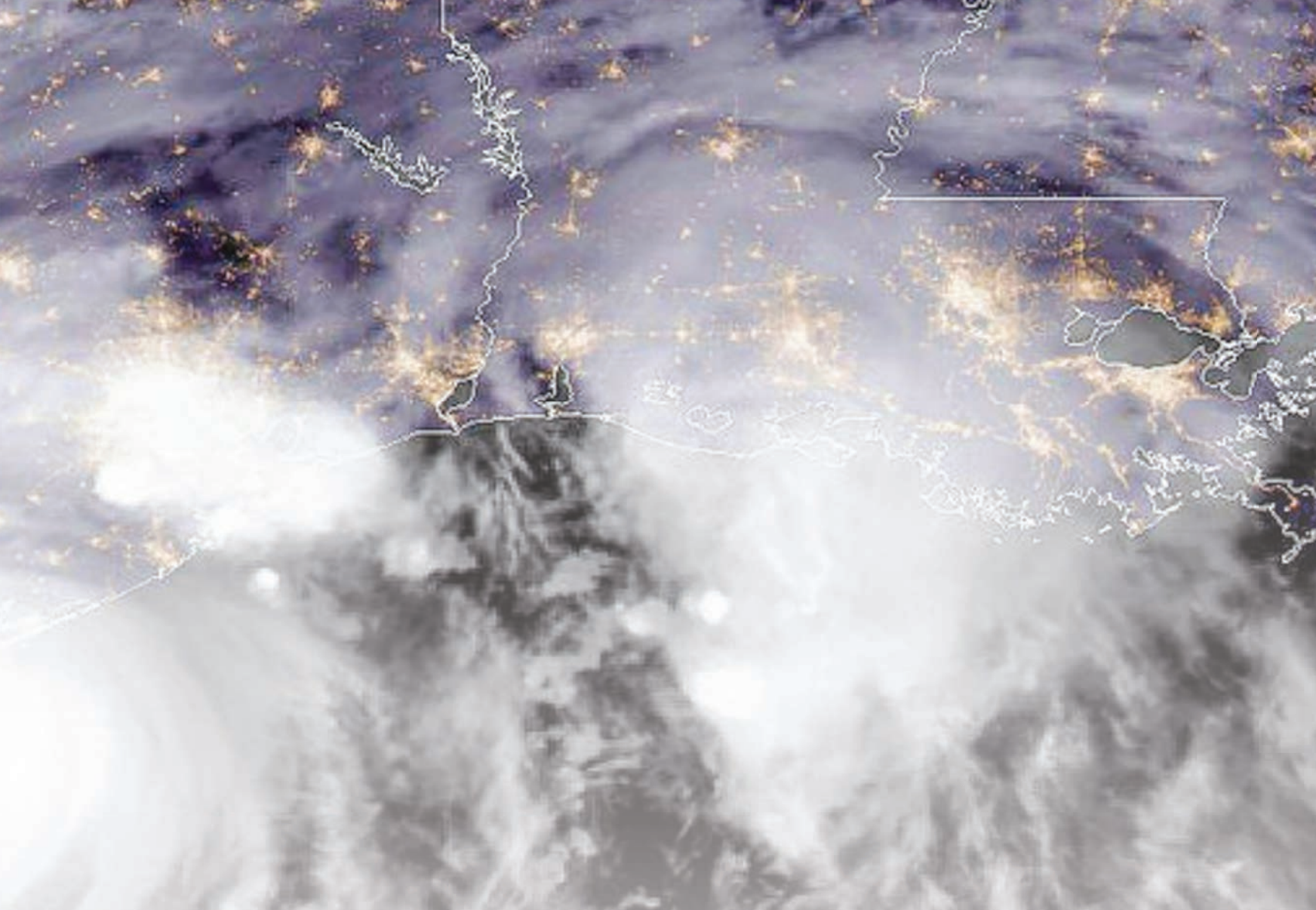
isiana in Cameron Parish. Residents were encouraged to evacuate due to the dangerous possibility of storm surge and immense flooding.

Natchitoches Parish as well as several other parishes in the state also declared a state of emergency, though the eventual outcome of Harvey was not as severe as expected.

As emergency services and volunteers such as the 'Cajun Navy' began search and rescue, mega shelters opened their doors to Houstonians and residents of affected areas. Flooding across Texas displaced thousands; CNN reported that more than 72,000 people were rescued, and BBC News stated 43,000 were living in shelters.

Members of the National Guard were deployed to areas of southwest Louisiana to assist local emergency services and the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in rescuing people and even pets. The Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs Office called it "a tremendous team effort."

In addition to helping Louisiana citizens, the Louisiana National Guard expanded their efforts to help southeast Texans in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Marines Reserves.



Gov. John Bel Edwards said the state is prepared to open its doors to residents of Texas that have been displaced by Harvey; “It’s just the right thing to do,” Edwards said, recollecting as many have about the support provided during disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

President Trump paid two visits to Houston and another to Lake Charles, Louisiana, as well as pledged \$1 million of his personal funds to relief efforts. Professional athletes and sports organizations, celebrities and others also donated and created campaigns to raise funds for victims.

NSU’s own relief effort team began organizing with the intention of traveling to affected areas over the Labor Day weekend but rescheduled the trip to Sept. 8-10. Dr. Curt Phifer, professor of biology and the primary coordinator of the relief effort team, encouraged students to support local efforts in the meantime.

The NSU Student Government Association (SGA) donated \$10,000 from the Organizational Relief Fund “to assist with transportation and hotel costs associated with relief efforts.”

The Student Activity Board set up areas Sept. 5-7 in the Student Union to donate supplies and goods needed to help those affected by Harvey.

Additional student groups and organizations in Natchitoches hosted relief drives in the coming weeks.

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Demon Days: Welcome Week Activities



Jansen Chisley leads
Glow in the Dark Zumba

Color Chaos

Everyone knows the first days of school can be very chaotic with freshmen trying to find classes, commuters fighting for the best parking spots, and students buying those highly-priced books. The first day of school is extra chaotic for NSU students because after a long day of classes, students meet up on organization row (org row) for color chaos. Hundreds of students run through the field and splash 300 gallons of paint at each other. Things get colorful and chaotic very quickly. This year, students were surprised with a downpour right after the paint war. Some students embraced the rain and stayed for the BBQ dinners and used the rain to help rinse away the paint. Others ran to their cars in attempt to stay dry.

Greek 1010

After another day of figuring out 'where the fork is my class' and finding parking, students attended an informational in the ballroom about Greek life at NSU. Here they got to browse all of the fraternities and sororities on campus and get their questions answered by a Greek panel.

Glow in the Dark Zumba

Students packed HP gym to join the NSU Pom Line and the FYE Staff for a night filled with dancing, glow sticks, and free smoothies. Participants dressed in their best neon clothes to win prizes for the most outrageous attire.

Jordan Watley & Erika Jarlock
celebrate after color chaos



Noah Baudoin plays corn-hole at Chillin' and Grillin' with the Greeks

Chillin' and Grillin' with the Greeks

Students stopped by Iberville to enjoy BBQ, sweet treats, music and corn hole with the Greeks on campus. The heat and love bugs did not stop the Greeks and students from having a fun time.

Get Loud at the Library

Later that night the library transformed into three floors of games, food and fun. Students were not afraid to get loud at the library while having fun and competing for various prizes provided by Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

1 of 7 Service Day

NSU students eagerly gathered at the Student Union after their first week back in school to do community service. Students rode in buses to various locations to give back to the people of Natchitoches. Some locations students could volunteer at were the Cane River food pantry, Fort St. John Baptiste, Natchitoches National Fish Hatchery, American Cemetery, Cane River Children's Services, Teen Challenge Adventure Ranch, NSU Food Pantry and the Wesley Methodist Church.

By: Autumn Blanchard
Photos: Justin Burr



Ashleigh Pope & Ashlyn Guidry snap a selfie

Solar Eclipse

End of the World?

Some say the world will end in fire, Some say in ice. Or, if it's 2017, there is a possibility it's going to end pretty soon because the total solar eclipse happened the first week of school. Omen of death? People swarmed the internet with theories related to the end of the world being signified with this astrological event.

Evangelists across the country have decided the eclipse means an impending apocalypse, and it will spark the beginning of the "Tribulation," a seven-year period in which 75 percent of the world's population will be destroyed. With Hurricane Harvey following soon after, people became more convinced.

However, there may be a physiological reason we, as humans, fear this hole in the sky. According to BBC, "When you see an eclipse, your body actually responds to it. There's a hardwired reaction. Your heart rate increases, there's a change in body temperature, breathing, pupil dilation, perspiration. There's a school of thought that this happens because we're born with an inherent physical understanding of the world, and when you see something which looks like a physical impossibility, and a solar eclipse looks like a hole in the sky, it startles the brain which provokes this response. All of our bodies respond in the same way, but the way this reaction is perceived and interpreted depends on culture."

Will the world end tomorrow? Next month? Seven years from now? Who knows. All we can do is study for our finals and hope for the chance we may not have to take them.

By: Kierstin Richter
Photos: Steven Sheerin



Samantha Clark uses protective shades to look at the eclipse.



New Faces

NSU's Freshest Performers

"Something about this night that I just can't ignore, all the sweat and tears and more have made this all worth fighting for." These lyrics of the opening number of New Faces 2017 definitely rang true. All of the hard work of the last couple weeks paid off in a spectacular showing of all of the incredible talent Northwestern State has to offer. New Faces is a night for all of the new freshman of the theater department to show off their talents for the school, introduce who they are and make a lasting first impression. Freshman are mentored by upperclassmen who help coach them in their performance to make sure they are at their best. This year's group of talent was definitely a star-studded event; there were a lot of stars of tomorrow among the freshman class. Madeline Monlezun and Marissa Rogers had the audience rolling in the aisles laughing at a scene from *Almost, Maine*, where they wore mustaches and confessed their love for one another. Sid Polezcek brought out a fan favorite from the hit musical, *"Hamilton,"* and really camped it up as the British ruler King George. Jordan Moli-tor ended his rendition of "Go the Distance" from *"Hercules"* by ripping his shirt off, an act of bravery no one had anticipated. Every single performer put his or her own spin on their performance and really kept the audience engaged and loving every minute of it! If this show of talent was any indication of what the future holds, the theater department will have an incredible group of talent on their hands.

By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Steven Sheerin





Marissa Rogers &
Maddy Monlezun, Acting



Jordan Waddell, Dance



Grayson Isom, Monologue



Mark Alexander, Vocal





The Inferno

Anticipation. Excitement. And a little sweat. These are all things felt by the freshmen who participate in one of the greatest traditions here at Northwestern—the Inferno Run.

For the first home game of the season, freshmen get to make their mark on dear old Demonland as they run across the turf of Turpin Stadium, lining up and down the yard lines to form a tunnel for the football team to run through.

“It was like an adrenaline rush! All eyes were on you. It really felt like a unique way for NSU to introduce their new freshmen,” said freshman Meredith Phelps. “Running across the field with my classmates was amazing. It was unforgettable.”

Freshmen will only experience the Inferno Run one time in their entire college career—something that makes the tradition that much more special.

The Inferno Run is a great way for freshmen to be thrown right into the Demon fandom and truly become a part of Northwestern State University.

Running across the field with my classmates was amazing. It was unforgettable.

By: Reagan Escude'
Photos: Justin Burr





Students support at the La Tech game



Kyle Lacks grills at the Lamar game



Word Lindsey plays giant Jenga at the Tech game



Alumni tailgate



Tailgating

Demons do it best

With football being one of the main attractions of the South, tailgating is a favorite pastime for college students and adults of all ages. It's a time for friends and families to get together and kill time before a game, eat some food, listen to good music, and enjoy spending time together.

Students at Northwestern look forward to the weekends during the fall semester to spend some time away from the textbooks and under the tailgating tents with friends.

"Tailgating is one of the main ways students get together to have a good time! Some of my favorite college memories are from hanging out with my friends at tailgates. It's one of the best ways for students to unwind and support our Demons," sophomore communications major Taylor Rose said.

Not only is it a time for students to bond in general, but tailgating is a great way for Greek organizations on campus to come together and show school spirit.

KA president Dakota Schudalla says that his favorite part about tailgating is getting to set up with the other organizations at NSU.

"It's great to see how we can come together in support of our team!" said Schudalla. However, students aren't the only Demons who like to have fun before games.

Many alumni and faculty members of Northwestern come together at the Alumni Pavilion to have tailgates of their own and celebrate a much anticipated victory for the Demons.

Senior HMT major Jenna Baldwin of Baton Rouge says she has been around tailgating her whole life, but "nothing beats tailgating in the South!"

By: Reagan Escude'
Photos: Chris Reich



Family Day

The transition to college can be difficult for many students. Leaving families and hometowns can be challenging. For some, it is leaving behind their siblings. Some leave behind their biggest supporters from day one: their parents. Some leave behind friends who turned into family over the years. For Madison Romero, sophomore, she falls into all the categories. Romero says, "I definitely miss my parents the most and hanging out with my little brother." Being from New Iberia, Louisiana, it is very tasking to make the two hour drive often. So it is nice when the school puts on an event specifically for family members to come spend time with their students and enjoy the university and football. NSU hosts an event called Family Day every fall. The tailgate fields and football stands fill up with parents, grandparents, siblings and more. The day starts with other organizations on campus holding their own tailgates. By midafternoon all the guests are at the tailgate field enjoying activities for the kids and performances by the spirit groups. To commemorate the day, family members and friends can buy an event T-shirt from the school. When asked what her favorite part of the event, Romero says, "[I loved] getting to hang out with my mom, dad and brother and being able to sit down and have a meal with them."

By: Ashley Wisthoff



Denne Landry paints faces,
Photo: Joy Newman



Photo: Justin Burr

Homecoming Week



Homecoming court lip sync performance, Photo: Chris Reich

Each fall semester, NSU hosts its annual homecoming week packed full of events, dress up days, performances, a parade, and the most anticipated football game of the season. SAB put on several activities for students this year like the fun run, a game of Trivial Pursuit, and a week full of decade-themed dress-up days.

Every year, a group of students nominated by organizations on campus to be on the homecoming court are honored on the football field during halftime of the homecoming game. Junior communications major Beka Aultman was one of the outstanding students honored this year.

"I really like Homecoming Week because of the traditions at NSU. It was such an honor to be a part of homecoming court, and just in the three years I've been here, this school has become my everything. It has been an honor to represent my peers on court," said Aultman.

Aultman, along with many other students on homecoming court, had the honor of riding in the parade the night before the game. The parade not only showcases the stu-

dents who represent homecoming court, but it also shows off the spirit and creativity of all the RSOs, who compete to have the best floats and banners on the parade route. However, the most talked about event of the week is Lip Sync, where RSOs battle it out at A.A. Frederick's theater in the form of a dance routine.

"It's always fun to see everyone on stage, and we always have fun performing," Aultman said.

"Aside from all of the exciting events happening during Homecoming Week, it is also a time for alumni of Northwestern to return to their home and experience what their former university is like today. I think it's important that we have Homecoming Week every year because it's a time for us to focus on our history and reconnect with our alum. We can focus on where we've been and where we're going. I look forward to it every year, and it's a great time to spend with friends and family."

By: Reagan Escude'



Austin Balthazor,
Photo: Chris Reich



Leah Wilkins and Sierra Richards,
Photo: Chris Reich



Pep rally, Photo: Chris Reich

Sorority Division

- 1st: Sigma Sigma Sigma
- 2nd: Phi Mu
- 3rd: Alpha Omicron Pi

Fraternity Division

- 1st: Pi Kappa Alpha
- 2nd: Pi Kappa Phi
- 3rd: Kappa Sigma



General Division

1st: Athletic Advisory Committee
2nd: Helping Hands
3rd: PLP

Homecoming Hunnies

1st: Molly Kelly & Nicholas Hopkins (PLP)



Mallory McConathy (Queen) & Antavious Roberson (King), Photo: Chris Reich



Phi Mu, Photo: Sean McGraw



Lip Sync

The annual Lip Sync competition is enough to get any Demon pumped up for Homecoming Week. After weeks of preparation, all of the RSOs gather at A.A. Fredrick's the Thursday of Homecoming Week to duke it out, proving who's the best on campus. The sorority division is like an episode of "So You Think You Can Dance," while the fraternity division is more akin to an episode of "Saturday Night Live." The general division consists of all other RSOs on campus, all ready to dance their hearts out. This year, the sound system decided to stop working in the middle of the Homecoming Court's performance, but they continued dancing anyway, as any spirited Demon should! For awards, as it has been for the past several years, Sigma Sigma Sigma won the sorority division with Phi Mu and Alpha Omicron Pi coming in second and third, respectively. In the fraternity division, Pi Kappa Alpha took first, with Pi Kappa Phi in second, and Kappa Sigma in third. In the general division, first place was awarded to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, second to Helping Hands, and third to the President's Leadership Program. Each RSO chooses two people to perform as their "Homecoming Hunnies." This year, freshman Molly Kelly and Nicholas Hopkins won from the President's Leadership Program.

By: Kierstin Richter

Float Competition:

Sorority Division

- 1st: Phi Mu
- 2nd: Sigma Sigma Sigma
- 3rd: Alpha Omicron Pi



Demon Dazzlers,
Photo: Justin Burr



Kappa Sigma,
Photo: Justin Burr

Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally



Sigma Sigma Sigma,
Photo: Justin Burr



Fraternity Division

1st: Kappa Sigma
2nd: Sigma Nu
3rd: Theta Chi

General Division

1st: Kappa Phi
2nd: Baptist Collegiate Ministry
3rd: President's Leadership Program



Phi Mu, Photo: Justin Burr



Jay Thomas (head coach), Photo: Chris Reich



Vic crowd surfs at the pep rally, Photo: Chris Reich

Homecoming Court

Photos: Chris Reich



Hunter Horton
&
Kennedy Cullen

Marquise Foster
&
Jasmine
Roberts

Rowdy Burleson
&
Ashley
Fortenberry

Noah Baudoin &
Kennedy
Lampert

Tyler Wright &
Rebekah
Aultman





Aly Jacobs &
Dedrick Lewis

Olivia Guidry &
Michael Phelps

Abby Hinds &
Ryan Wright

Lydia Doucet &
Kendrick Payne

Cylandria
Clemons &
Trey Roberts



Homecoming King & Queen



Homecoming parade,
Photo: Chris Reich

Antavious Roberson

Antavious Roberson, senior, never expected his freshman year that he would be getting a text from his friend congratulating him on his win for Homecoming King.

"I did shed a tear . . . it is not a vanity title and it was touching that I could achieve it," Roberson said on his first reaction to the news. Very introverted his freshman year, he never thought he would be where he is now. The turning point was one leadership conference, and from there Roberson got involved very quickly, starting with First Year Experience and then moving up to SGA secretary now. He has also travelled and presented research on behalf of the school in years past. His favorite part about NSU, Roberson says is, "Just what they say: they are dedicated to one goal, yours . . . [The faculty] are not only teaching you the information that you need for your

career, but they are molding you into the person that you need to be for your career."

After graduation, Roberson plans on returning back to his home, Arcadia, to teach in a place where there "is a void of people like me that are successful . . . I want them to see me and see themselves in me." His choice in major and career is a noble one and the student body could not have made a better choice in naming their 2017 homecoming king.

By: Ashley Wisthoff
Photo: Chris Reich





Homecoming game,
Photo: Justin Burr



Lip Sync,
Photo: Chris Reich

Mallory McConathy

To represent the university as a whole, McConathy said it felt “awesome. I love this university . . . it is such an honor.” Heavily involved on campus, she is the lead Freshman Connector for the summer of 2018, president of Tri Sigma sorority, a national board member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and more. “There is no formula balancing all of this and the role of queen. You just have to take it day by day,” McConathy says. Earning the title was extremely special to McConathy because just two years ago, her older sister was crowned homecoming queen. Wanting her sister to be the one to tell her about court, she turned her phone on airplane mode and avoided eye contact all day: “I wanted it to be a surprise and I wanted her to be the one to tell me.” There is a lot to love about this university, but the queen says her two

favorite parts are the tradition and the community. When asked if there is one person who she feels has helped her fulfill not only the role of queen, but all her other ones, McConathy had one person who came to mind: Reatha Cox. “She impacts anybody she comes across. I wouldn’t be where I [am] without her.” As for her future, the junior plans on becoming a dermatologist and then opening her own dress shop, where she will specialize in homecoming dresses and suits.

By: Ashley Wisthoff
Photo: Chris Reich





Since 1956, SGA has hosted an annual election that allows NSU students to elect two of their peers to represent the university as Mr. and Miss NSU—the highest honor one can receive during their undergraduate career here at Northwestern. Tre Nelson of Baton Rouge and Abby Hinds of Many received this honor for the 2017-2018 academic year.

What does being Mr. NSU/Miss NSU mean to you?

Tre: Being Mr. NSU means giving students someone to look up to. Mr. NSU should be a face around campus that shows students the potential they have to do great things, regardless of their backgrounds.

Abby: Being recognized by my peers as the 2017 Miss Northwestern State University has been the highlight of my collegiate experience! I am involved at this university to better the student experience, and to know that the

students notice the hard work I pour into making my legacy here at Northwestern State University makes my heart very happy. I love this place with all my heart, and it is an extreme honor and blessing to be recognized as Miss NSU.

What did it feel like to know you had been given the title of Mr. NSU/Miss NSU?

Tre: Words cannot describe how honored I was to receive Mr. NSU. I felt the love and trust of the student body, and nothing can compare to that feeling.

Abby: It was a moment I will never forget. I have spent every living, breathing moment supporting NSU because I'm so proud to be a student here. My time here as a student, the memories I have made, and the people I have met along the way made this an experience like no other. To sum it all up, I feel extremely proud to be a Demon.

Mr. & Miss NSU

Tre Nelson & Abby Hinds



What is something you look forward to as Mr. NSU/Miss NSU? What are your responsibilities?

Tre: I look forward to working alongside my Miss NSU to develop a service initiative this year and represent my university overall with pride and honor.

Abby: I look forward to serving the Natchitoches and Northwestern communities as Miss NSU. This place I call home has given so much to me, and I am excited to be able to continue to give back to the place that has shaped me into the leader and woman I am today, not just as a student, but as a steadfast alumna as well.

What advice would you give freshmen to be successful in college?

Tre: All freshmen should know that they can be whoever they want to be in college. NSU is a place that allows

you to branch out of your comfort zone and take on roles that you never would have even dreamed existed in high school. This university gives back tenfold if you are willing to put in the elbow grease. Have faith in your capabilities and you will do incredible things!

Abby: As a two-time Freshman Connector, there is lots of advice I can give a first year college student! First off, go to class! Once you miss the first time, it's a lot easier to miss after that! Secondly, don't complain about parking. Just don't do it. Walk, I promise it's good for you! And lastly, do not walk across that graduation stage not having accomplished something you always wanted to do. College is a diverse place, and I promise you will meet people who share your interests. Never pretend to be someone you are not, and make decisions that make you happy every single day.

By: Reagan Escude'
Photos: Chris Reich



Night Life

ft. The Press Box

Natchitoches may be small, but Demons come out at night, and they know how to have a good time.

The weekend really starts on Thursday afternoon. Halfway through the day, texts circulate around Natchitoches.

“Heyyy are you going out?”

“Nah, I’m gonna lay low tonight...Only thing getting lit is my fall scented candle.”

“But the Press Box has free cover with a jersey and \$1 tequila shots!”

“What?! SCRATCH THAT I’M DOWN.”

The Filling Station and Maggio’s develop lines wrapping around the barns. Everyone is frantically swiping up any alcohol they can find before the night begins. The fraternity houses grow louder and louder with the arrival of more people to pregame.

Girls in too-high heels and low cut tops stumble across the gravel parking lots. Overconfident guys try to hit on every breathing one, hoping one of them may fall for a sleazy pick-up line.

Dressed in black sequins and beer goggles, every lady in the bar flocks to the dancefloor when the “K-Wang” starts to play or “I’m Lit.”

As the night hits 1:45 a.m., the night isn’t over yet. Everyone exits the bar and is bombarded with “HEY AFTERPARTY AT THE HOUSE” from multiple guys. Sometimes you get there and it’s just as lit as the Box. Other times, you find three guys watching “Friends” re-runs and realize you don’t have a ride home because you didn’t DD that night.

Either way, Natchitoches always lends a hand in making fun and weird memories that you could probably never explain to someone in the daytime.

To the outside looking in, we’re just a little college town with one club to go to. From the inside looking out, we can only say some of the best memories have been made at there. (Those we may or may not actually remember.)

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Background Photo: Justin Burr



Chance Carter & Taylor Rose



Htet Htet Rodgers & Sonia Ortiz



Katie Gallinghouse & Kierstin Richter

#BringBacktheBody

Today's freshmen will never know.

The Student Body, or "The Body" as everyone referred to it, opened its doors in 1982 and has been the hot spot in Natchitoches for NSU students ever since. The Body was closed down this year after the death of the owner. Antoon's, the bar next door, under the same management, is still in business, but the Body has shut its doors for good.

Frequented by students and also worked by students, everyone went to the Body for a good time. Thursdays and Saturdays hanging out with friends on the couch in the bathroom will never be forgotten - nor will the mirrors on the dancefloor.

Loren Ryland, senior, was a bartender there. She says, "It was THE spot. Every type of student came together to rage every weekend and it just never got old." Working there was the funnest job I ever had. One of my favorite college memories."

Shelby Rodrique, senior, says, "Bartending there was the highlight of it all. Not only did I always have a good time and make lifetime memories going there, but working under the management there was amazing. Natty nightlife hasn't been the same without the Body. I had to wait outside the door until midnight when I turned 18 to get in there."

Brooke Mouliere, senior, also celebrated her birthday there, as well as a Halloween night she was not expecting. "My freshman year at Halloween, they had a Halloween night there, and they had the maximum capacity and no lie, all my friends got in but me. So I stayed in the little area where you give your ID and

pay, and danced by myself. All my friends would come around me and dance right there. It was so weird but I didn't care because everyone I knew was there and people just wanted to have a good time."

One of the best parts about the Body was the regulars. "I loved it when I walked into the Body and instantly saw people I knew. It was a very homey feeling when you walked in," Mouliere says. "No one wanted to leave when the clock hit closing time. Yeah, it was a small bar, but it was always easy to find your friends there."

"It's like the Bod was filled with people we all talked to and affiliated ourselves with rather than randoms every weekend," Malu Nishihira, junior, says. She agrees that Natchitoches needs it back "because it sucks only having one bar to go to during the weekends."

Speaking structurally, Adrienne Vallee, senior, says, "The Bod had better airflow, and that's an essential when running a bar."

After its closing, students swarmed Twitter with tweets with the hashtag #BringBacktheBody.

The women's bathroom in the Body had a big comfy couch, suitable for those who need a break from the raging outside the doors. Ashley Fortenberry, senior, says, "I miss being able to sit and enjoy good gossip in the Body bathroom."

"Bring back the Body so I can go back in there and get my soul back." - Stephanie Parker, senior.

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Photos: Courtesy of Instagram





BCM leads worship on Wednesday night, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Photo: Justin Burr

Student Ministries

Among many of the organizations offered at Northwestern, the faith-based organizations serve as an encouraging platform to grow students' spiritual walks. NSU takes pride in offering student ministries that appeal to many denominations, including the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, the Wesley and the Catholic Student Center.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry meets weekly on Wednesday nights for worship and Bible studies on Org Row. During the week, members eat lunch together, pray together, read scripture and participate in accountability groups known as C-WOM and C-MOM. They also have intramural teams for different sports that members can be a part of.

"The BCM is a great place to grow as a Christian and as a person," Kobe Ardoyn says. "I've developed some great friendships with tons of people, but most importantly, my faith became my own. I learned so much about Jesus from my first day walking into the building.

The Catholic Student Center brings in many missionaries as part of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, or FOCUS, group. This year, they are coordinating a conference in Chicago and mission trips in San Luis, Mexico and Peru to serve others and spread the gospel. Jacob Ellis, sophomore, is currently going through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults to become Catholic. He is a new member of the CSO and has just joined FOCUS to be involved with Catholic ministry.

"FOCUS has truly impacted my life. It got me involved by helping me go to conferences and mission trips. I feel more connected with God and fellow students on my campus," Ellis said.

The Wesley is a Methodist student ministry that meets on Monday nights at 7 p.m. for worship and small group discussion.

"The Wesley is a great organization to get involved in by serving the students on our campus and in our community. We may be small, but we are growing," senior Ainsley Johnson-Braden said. "I have made so many connections since I joined this organization. The Wesley is a place that I can call home, and I always feel welcomed every time we are together."

By: Reagan Escude'





Abby Haarmann and Sergio Espinoza, FOCUS missionaries, with Matt Broekman, Photo: Kierstin Richter



Aaron Rogers at Color Chaos, Photo: Justin Burr



BCM students write letters for Operation Christmas Child, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



LTC Katherine Carlson,
Photo: Steven Sheerin



Lloyd Ponder WWII Veteran,
Photo: Steven Sheerin



Photo: Chris Reich





Kendrick Shavers,
Photo: Steven Sheerin

Michael Kingslay and LTC Katherine
Carlson, Photo: Chris Reich



ROTC

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps got its start with the Morrill Act of 1862. This provided for military instruction in land grant colleges. In 1866 the president was given authority to send out as many as 20 officers to teach military science in institutes of higher learning. By the beginning of the 1900s this number had grown tremendously, and more than 100 colleges and universities offered this in their institutes, giving young collegians the chance to learn about, practice and join the United States Armed Forces. This program became very imperative during times of preparation for war. By the end of World War II, over 100,000 ROTC officers had served. Today, ROTC commissions an outstanding number of over 3,800 cadets as second lieutenants per year, providing the US Army with over a whopping 70 percent of its new officers.

Northwestern's own ROTC branch was established in 1950, with an agreement signed between Northwestern State College and the Department of the United States Army. It was that year, under President Prather, that the first students were enrolled with only five enlisted men and one officer. By the end of that school year numbers reached upwards of 200 men. The NSU Demon Battalion has commissioned over 1,000 second Lieutenants into the United States Armed Services. The Mission of the Army ROTC program is to "Commission the future officer leadership of the United States Army and motivate young people to be better Americans."

By: Theresa Sharp



Christmasfest

The Christmas Festival officially began on Nov. 18, 2017. The moment the Christmas lights are turned on is the moment when the city is fully enveloped in the holiday spirit. This spirit and the impressive firework and light spectacular are what keep the out of towners coming back every year. The Christmas Festival celebrated its 90th anniversary this year, so what kept this tradition alive for so long? The Christmas Festival highlights the merry essence of Natchitoches. Though it is now a six-week long event with over 300,000 lights and over 100 set pieces, the festival originated from humble means. Beginning as a one-day celebration in 1927,

the Christmas Festival is one of the oldest community-based celebrations in the country. Local businesses donated money for the lights so they string them along Front Street to beautify Natchitoches and to celebrate how far the city has come. In the late 1930's, the firework display was added, and the parades soon followed. The Christmas Festival is what it is today because the citizens of Natchitoches spread Christmas cheer and show how proud they are of their city. Their enthusiasm has carried over generations, and tourists can feel this during the holiday season.

By: Emily Williams



Photo: Joy Newman



Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Photo: Joy Newman



Natchitoches Christmas Belles,
Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Front Street,
Photos: Joy Newman



Cheerleaders march in the Parade,
Photos: Bonny Bacoccini



City of Lights

Northwestern students have a one of a kind Christmas season since Natchitoches is nationally known as the City of Lights. Tourists come from all over the country to visit Natchitoches during its annual Christmas festival. City lights start going up in October to get them ready in time for the festival. Lights, food booths, games and Santa's House line the riverfront of Front Street for the festival.

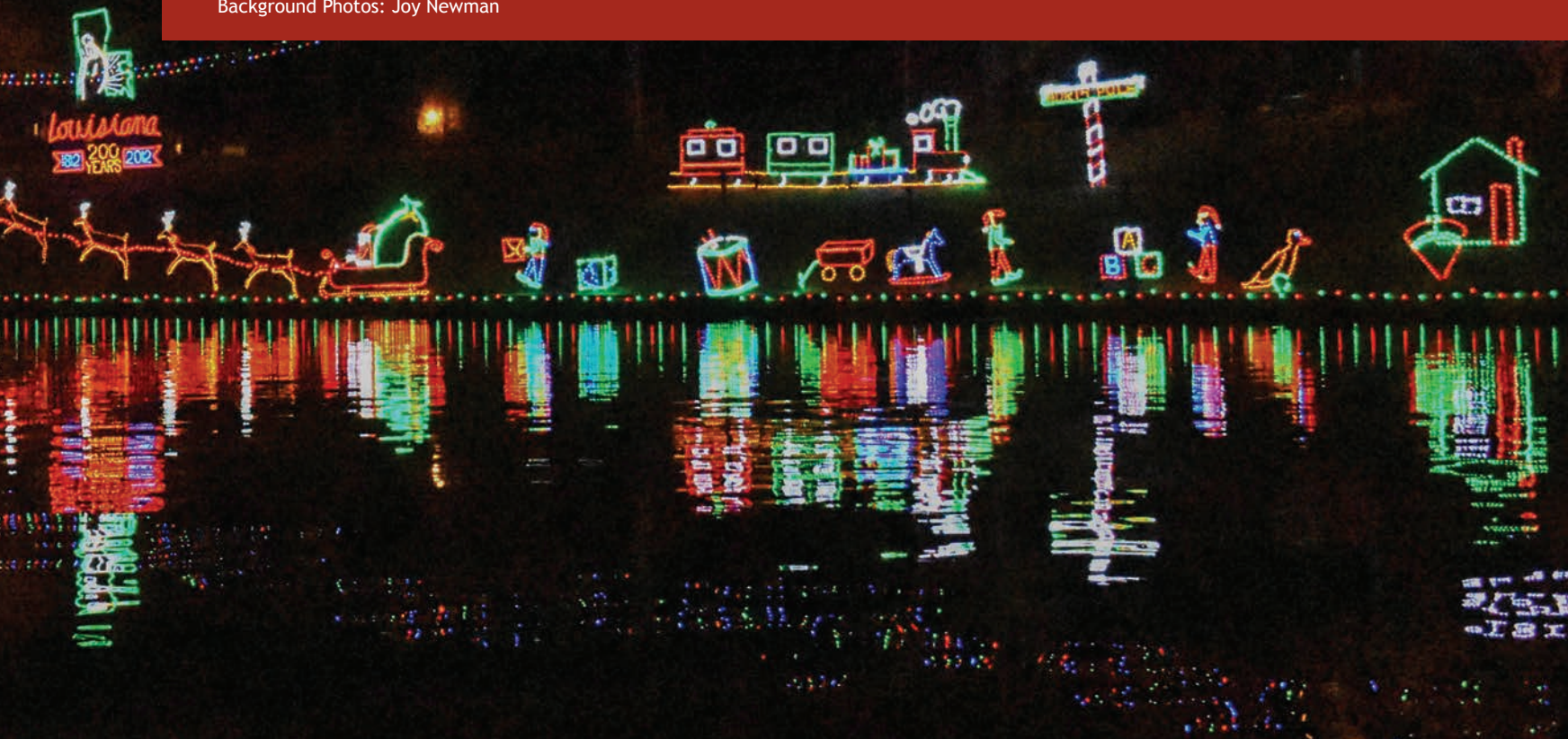
Christmas time brings in traffic which is helpful for local shops and restaurants. Megan Maley, secondary education major and waitress, says "Christmas time in Natchitoches is crazy. The money is a major plus for servers and restaurant owners, but personally, my favorite part is the people I get to meet. I love seeing how excited people are to see the lights and fireworks, especially kids. The constant Christmas music isn't half bad either!"

Many RSOs get involved with the Christmas celebrations. NSU's crew work Christmas festival selling tickets for children's games and rides. Blake Blanchard, junior communications major and Demon Crew member, says "working at the Christmas festival is honestly so much fun. Natchitoches attracts people from everywhere during the Christmas season and being able to see all these happy people truly gets me into the holiday spirit." Many NSU students also attend the Christmas parade and Kappa Alpha's Christmas on the Hill which is directly on the parade route. Many students and tourists rave on the Christmas festival fireworks, which happen to be ranked in the top national firework shows.

As fun as Christmas is for some, other students flee Natchitoches or stay inside during this time because traffic gets chaotic. No matter if you stay in or embrace the holiday cheer, Natchitoches is filled with lights, tourists and a love for Christmas.

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By: Autumn Blanchard
Background Photos: Joy Newman



Christmas Gala

“The doors to the last show in Natchitoches of Christmas Gala 2017 are now officially open.” The shouts and hollers on the A.A. Fredricks steps could be heard all the way at Prather. This just shows the power and magic that Gala holds on people. While walking in to get the best seat, you can hear the NSU Jazz Band play everyone’s favorite Christmas carols, putting every single audience member in the mood. Afterwards the curtain closes, and every person in the room becomes a kid again, excited for what is to come. The opening act truly sets the stage for what the next 90 minutes will bring. There are the all-time favorites that come out every year: The Wooden Soldiers and the glow-in-the-dark drumline. But don’t think that it is the same show every year. CAPA changes things up a bit each holiday season. This year, the NSU Chamber Choir did the Pentatonix rendition of “White Winter Hymnal” by clapping and snapping acapella. While some parts of the show lean to the serious side, like the story of Jesus’ birth, there are some funny moments. This year the NSU Improv part featured two exceptional comedians, as well. This is one of the most inclusive events that happens on campus. It features students in musical theatre, choir, the Spirit of Northwestern and even Miss LOB, Erika Jarlock. No matter what part of the show is your favorite, one thing is for sure: every person in the performance does an outstanding job of putting on a show and making every person in the audience ready for Christmas.

By: Ashley Wisthoff
Photos: Chris Reich





Elaina Guerrero, Rockette



Charles Anderson Jr. & Skilynn Fontenot, White Winter Hymnal



Lady of the Bracelet

60th Anniversary

Since 1959, the Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Pageant has been a longstanding tradition on NSU's campus. Each year, a young woman is selected to represent Northwestern at Miss Louisiana by going through several phases of competition. She receives a crown, sash, and special gold charm bracelet to signify her achievement. This year was special because it was the 60th Year that this tradition has been held.

The Miss Northwestern Lady of the Bracelet Pageant provides young women with the opportunity to achieve success, scholarship, service and style through the Miss Louisiana Organization, and it allows her to represent Northwestern with these leadership qualities. Ladies who compete must not only spend time preparing for each phase of competition, but they also are required to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospital while representing their own platform of choice.

Originally put on by the Potpourri, the pageant is now put on by the Student Activities Board, run by Yonna Pasch and her graduate assistants Damian Glover and Jaylon Lewis. Glover's favorite part of the competition is watching the growth that happens among the young women who compete.

"There's always so much that's different looking back. Not in a physical sense, but how the girls carry themselves and the confidence they have by the end of it. They grow into something more than they expected to be," Glover says.

Twelve girls competed for the title this year, each participating in an on-stage question, swimsuit, talent, and evening gown phase of competition.

Junior Erika Jarlock was crowned this year's Miss Northwestern State Lady of the Bracelet, in addition to earning the talent competition with her vocal performance "Gimmie Gimmie." Sophomore Jourdan Waddell was named First Runner Up and also won the People's Choice Award. Senior Aly Jacobs was named Second Runner Up, and sophomore Abby Reynolds was named Third Runner Up in addition to the swimsuit portion of competition. Sophomore Reagan Escude' was named Fourth Runner Up. Junior Madison Farquhar was named Miss Congeniality, and senior Emily Bencosme earned the CMNH Miracle Maker Award.

"Being Miss Lady of the Bracelet is an honor and a blessing. By wearing this bracelet, I not only represent the wonderful women who wore it before me, but also the amazing university that I get to be a part of," Jarlock said after winning the crown.

Jarlock's platform involves keeping all forms of art in schools and communities.

"With this title, I get to represent my university and my department with my platform that reaches for the arts. I get to spread my platform wherever I go. I'm pretty much living the dream!"

Jarlock will go on to represent Northwestern State University at the Miss Louisiana Pageant in June of 2018.

By: Reagan Escude'

Photos: Bonny Bacoccini

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Jourdan Waddell
First Runner-Up



Erika Jarlock
60th Lady of the Bracelet
Photo: Steven Sheerin



Aly Jacobs
Second Runner-Up



Abigail Reynolds
Third Runner-Up



Reagan Escudé
Fourth Runner-Up

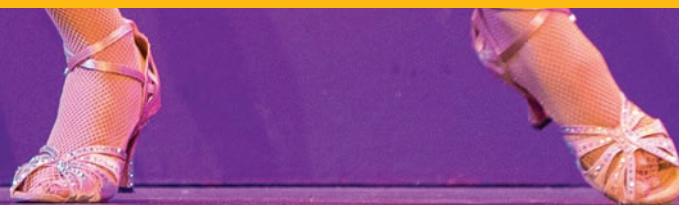
Emily Benscome,
Photo: Chris Reich



Juan Manuel Santos,
Photo: Justin Burr



Photo: Joy Newman



International Flair

Studying abroad can be intimidating and many students may not even know where to look for information on how to become an international student. The International Student Resource Center in Russell has the answers to all your questions, and quicker than you can say “Adios”, you will be enjoying your new classes in a new country. NSU shares bilateral agreements with China, Columbia, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Italy, Mexico, Nepal and Spain. Summer programs are all offered in Chetumal, Mexico and Anger, France. These are countries waiting to be explored by students eager to broaden their horizons, all for the same price as a regular semester at NSU. The international students who come to our campus are all here for different reasons, though they all gain new friendships that last a lifetime.

Nestor Mercado-Garcia is an exchange student from Cartagena, Colombia. He came over on a scholarship from music and is now a double major in music education and IET and an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha. When Mercado-Garcia came to NSU five years ago, he was eager to meet new people, improve his English, and gain a new form of independence. The most important thing Mercado-Garcia got was new connections. These lasting friendships he has made will never be forgotten, and he will always be a Demon no matter where he is.

By: Katie Gallinghouse



Photo: Joy Newman



Valentina and Valeria Perez Espinosa perform to raise money for Puerto Rico relief efforts, Photo: Joy Newman







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Photos: Chris Reich

[Pom Line]



Jansen Chisley, Photo: Justin Burr



Kara Knippers, Molly Kelly, Leslie Sharbono, and Kacie Wilkinson, Photo: Justin Burr



Homecoming Float, Photo: Chris Reich



Homecoming Performance, Photo: Chris Reich

Between dance and cheer moves, and hip-hop and jazz techniques, the NSU Pom Line is undoubtedly full of pizzazz. With 27 girls on the team, the Purple Pizzazz Pom Line spends countless hours every week going over routines, perfecting techniques, and polishing movements to perform at halftime and on the sidelines of home football and basketball games.

This year, Ashlee Hewitt, who has been involved with Pom Line for several years now, is the director for the team. Captains Stephanie Parker and Caroline Aydelott, both seniors and fourth year members, work alongside Ashlee to encourage the girls and push them to do their best during performances. "Being a member of the NSU Pom Line means joining a family," Parker says. "We share an unbreakable bond inside and outside of practice, and I have been so grateful to be a part of such an amazing organization these past four years."

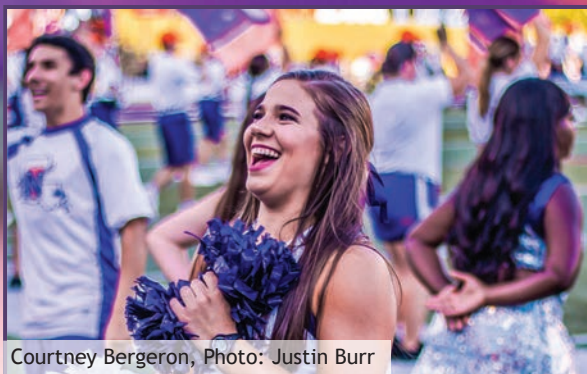
Pom Line not only represents NSU on campus, but off campus as well. The girls perform in university and community parades, showing Demon spirit everywhere they go. In addition to representing NSU in parades, community service is a way that Pom Line supports the people of Natchitoches. The girls frequently participate in community service events with local elementary and middle schools throughout the city. "Pom Line gives an amazing group of girls great opportunities to become more involved on campus and in the community," Aydelott says. First year freshman Emmy Lou Hinds believes that Pom Line has kept her more involved on campus as well. "It keeps me busy doing what I love and has helped me make friendships with people I may not have ever bonded with. It truly is an experience of a lifetime!"

By: Reagan Escude'





[Cheer]



Courtney Bergeron, Photo: Justin Burr



Austin Aveeritt, Photo: Chris Reich

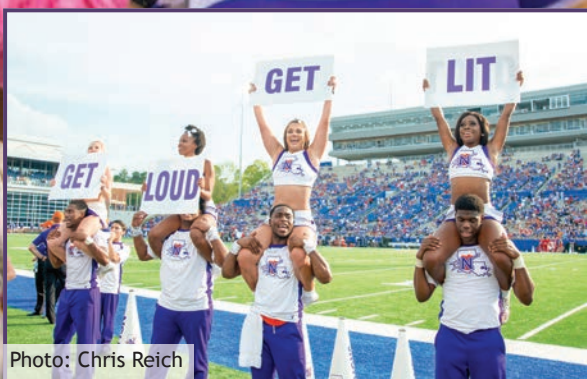


Photo: Chris Reich

Cheerleaders--the hype men and women of NSU's student section, the voices of encouragement for the football team, and the masters of agility, poise and flexibility on the field. Between the cheering, chanting, flipping and flying, NSU cheerleaders commit hours of their time to promote school spirit on and off the field.

It may sound like a simple task to smile at a crowd and lead them in chants to pump up the football team, but in reality, it takes a lot of hard work and preparation. The cheer team spends three days a week practicing their cheers to bring a dose of excitement to each game.

Junior Annalise Austin said her favorite part of cheer is that it is always changing. "New things are constantly being made up. We are constantly pushing limits." It's not just the routines and cheers that are changing. Cheerleaders spend a lot of their time perfecting stunts and making signs to engage the crowd.

"Our goal is to keep the crowd excited, involved, and interested in the game. So we are building stunts and using signs to get the crowd involved so they will yell and rally for the team with us," Austin says.

Courtney Bergeron, junior, likens the cheer team to a family. "I love being a cheerleader, and my teammates make it even better. We may fuss and fight like brothers and sisters because in reality, that's what we are...one big happy family," Bergeron says. The NSU cheer team strives every day to support the school and its athletes. "Win or lose we have to stay positive and pick everyone else up because it's what we are here to do," junior Eli Durr says. "We all work together to make this thing work."

By: Reagan Escude'

Rance Mason, Photo: Justin Burr



Dilaney Deroche, Photo: Chris Reich



Kylie Nix, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Lauren Breaux, Photo: Chris Reich



[Demon Heat]

Each organization has different members residing within it. Some are old members that may have leadership positions, and others are new members just learning the ropes. The Demon Heat Color Guard has this same idea. Some older members take up leadership positions while the incoming members learn how a college color guard works. Two individuals are examples in the color guard. Alexis Rice is an older member who has ascended to be the head section leader, and Makoy Barnes is an incoming member who is learning the ropes of being in the Demon Heat. These members may have different roles, but they are important roles to perform.

Rice is a senior section leader who has been in the Demon Heat flag line for seven semesters. She is an elementary education major who is in her residency one program. Her day begins with waking up at 6 a.m. then heads off to teach her first graders from seven to 2:30 p.m. After teaching, she goes to practice from three-thirty to five-thirty. She eats dinner with her roommates, heads to the gym afterwards and then finally settles down to do homework. Alexis is also a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies in addition to Tau Beta Sigma, a band service sorority. Alexis is currently the head section leader for this year. She wanted to try for the position because she is a very organized person and could be a committed organized leader. "I take a lot of stress of my team to assure that they also have every opportunity to succeed," Alexis said.

Barnes is on the flip side of the roles. She is an incoming freshman who joined the Demon Heat in the fall semester. Barnes became very passionate for color guard after joining her high school team. She realized that college was going to be stressful so she decided to do something she loved. Barnes practices with other members on weekends at CAPA or goes to the practice field. "[College color guard] is a lot more intense than what I thought, but I still love it," commented Barnes. Her major is secondary education for math with a minor in special education. She plans on going back to her hometown to become a teacher at the school she graduated from.

By: Megan Palmer



Colleen Carline, Photo: Chris Reich

[Demon Dazzlers]

Piroettes and pointed toes are the making of a Demon Dazzler. Dedication and days of hard work. Early workouts and character building. The Demon Dazzler girls do it all. Everyone's heads turn at half-time when these girls prance onto the field. Elaina Guerrero, Dazzlers Captain and lifelong dancer, says that joining NSU's official jazz line has been one of the best decisions of her college career.

"I've seen the team get stronger every year, and it feels amazing to see how much your friends have grown."

In the fall, they perform alongside the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band. They come along to every home football game and selected away games. In the spring, the girls perform at the basketball games and different exhibitions all over the state. The Demon Dazzlers also sponsor a dance camp in the summer.

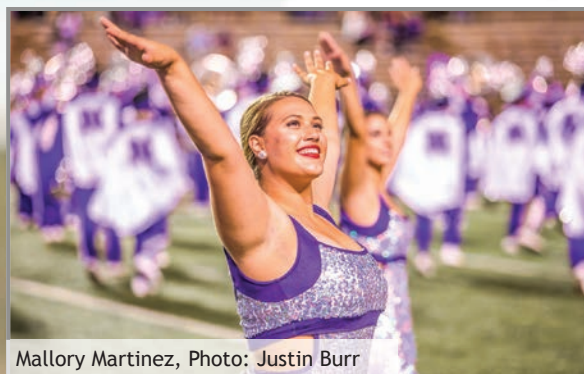
The girls also have to maintain a good GPA, as they also receive a scholarship for their performance on the team.

The hard work is well worth it. Guerrero says there's nothing like dancing to live music during performances. "Their energy is out of this world."

By: Kierstin Richter



Photos: Chris Reich



Mallory Martinez, Photo: Justin Burr



Homecoming Parade, Photo: Chris Reich



Erika Jarlock, Photo: Justin Burr



Photo: Chris Reich

A photograph of a marching band in blue uniforms playing brass instruments at night. The band members are wearing blue helmets with silver pom-poms and blue jackets with silver stripes. They are holding large brass instruments, likely tubas or euphoniums, and are playing them. The background is dark, suggesting a night game or event.

[Spirit of Northwestern]

Marching band is not just an activity that people do in their spare time. It is something that is a part of people's lives. They dedicate much of their time and effort into it. For the members of the Spirit of Northwestern band, they eat, breathe and live the marching band life. There are some people, though, that are so intertwined there is no beginning or end of band for them. Some of those people are Michael King and Brendan Raincrow.

King is one of the assistant drum majors for the Spirit of Northwestern. He has been a member for three years and had previously played the trombone before becoming an assistant drum major. His days revolve around 21 credit hours of school, being active in two organizations, working a job and being in band. This is a lot for a college student, but Michael takes it all in stride. "It's a lot of work, but it just takes dedication and hard work to make it through," King commented. His dream is to become a band director who takes a band program and turns it into something good. He eventually wants to become a director at the collegiate level or a private lessons teacher.

Raincrow is a part of the two-person logistics team, alongside Jamie Neeley, that work behind the scenes for the band. Brendan played in the band for four years, but switched to the logistics team this year. They plan game day itineraries, out of town trips, day to day things at rehearsals, and perform other duties. At home games, Brendan and Jamie arrive at the band hall to make sure everything is ready to go for the game. They then must stay afterwards to make sure everything is put away and locked up. The team then debriefs with the band directors about the game to see what needs to be improved. Brendan says that, "being a band director, people say it's 10 percent teaching music and 90 percent administrative work. The part of this job that helps with that is learning how to plan for what's to be expected of a band director." Brendan is looking to be a band director after graduating college. "My idea for that is it's about being a servant for the band and making sure everyone enjoys themselves."

By: Megan Palmer



Drumline, Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Hannah Brinkmeier & Rachelle Edwards,
Photo: Justin Burr



Matthew Flynn, John David Floyd,
Steven Wimberly, Photo: Justin Burr



Alex Furtney, Photo: Justin Burr

GAME STATS

Sept. 2	Louisiana Tech	L, 24-52
Sept. 9	Grambling	L, 10-23
Sept. 16	Lamar	W, 35-28
Sept. 30	Southeastern Louisiana	L, 20-49
Oct. 7	Nicholls	L, 10-14
Oct. 14	Sam Houston State	L, 36-40
Oct. 21	Central Arkansas	L, 17-45
Oct. 28	Houston Baptist University	W, 10-7
Nov. 4	Abilene Christian	W, 26-23
Nov. 11	McNeese	L, 24-44
Nov. 18	Stephen F. Austin	W, 38-21

ROSTER

16 Kwan Adkins	WR	20 Chris Jones	RB
5 J.D. Almond	QB	19 McKane Kinchen	LS
13 Stadford Anderson	RB	35 Landon King	LB
65 Jean-Pierre Arceneaux	C	63 Jacob Kiser	C
11 Tanner Ash	WR	94 Zak Krolczyk	DE
10 Austin Balthazor	S	42 Gavin Landry	WR
2 Xavier Bell	WR	85 Cameron Lazare	WR
76 Andrew Bluiett	OL	83 Guy LeCompte	TE
42 Christian Bluiett	DL	2 D'Ronne Littleton	CB
57 Timmis Bonner III	OL	33 Isaiah Longino	LB
58 William Bordelon	OL	18 Ronald Malbrough	S
53 Brice Borgeson	BUCK	64 Andrew McAlister	OL
61 Frank Boudreaux III	OL	81 Kalen Meggs	TE
68 Demetrius Boulieu	OL	86 Lucas Morgan	TE
25 Hayden Bourgeois	S	88 Tyler O'Donoghue	TE
14 Bryson Bourque	WR	35 Parker Pastorello	P
38 Chrishard Buhl	LB	73 Zachary Perry	OL
75 Dustin Burns	OL	37 Eric Piccione	PK/P
39 Tyreik Campbell	RB	15 Nick Pierotti	LB
54 Jackson Carroll	LB	47 Rashad Powell	BUCK
1 Bobby Chan-Chan	WR	52 Desmond Prejean	DE
3 Marquisian Chapman	WR	18 Kendrick Price Jr.	WR
50 Ricky Chatman	LB	7 Kevin Ratliff	S
5 Lyn Clark	BUCK	60 Tyler Rapp	OL
6 Rashaun Croney	CB	32 Darian Raymond	CB
17 Braylon Daigle	DE	8 Ryan Reed	S
91 Duke Dantzler	DT	71 Josh Roberts	OL
77 Terrell Davis	OL	90 Jalon Sangster	DT
30 Brandon Eberts	LS	9 Kenny Sears	QB
24 Ian Edwards	S	56 Kenny Sheldon	OL
93 Austyn Fendrick	K/P	30 Ronald Sims	DE
89 Jazz Ferguson	WR	22 Da'Von Smith	RB
21 Deshon Ficklin	S	87 Ethan Smith	TE
84 Parker Fink	TE	20 Malik Sonnier	CB
6 Kaleb Fletcher	QB	70 Khalil Sumlin	DT
98 Keith Ford	DT	82 Chris Taylor	WR
23 Nick Forde	S	49 Blake Tessitore	S
27 Trent Franklin	S	99 Damian Thompson	DE
7 Chris Fuller	WR	31 Charles Vaughn III	TE
62 Jake Gore	OL	26 Keldrick Ward Jr.	CB
45 Dez Gray	LB	10 Myles Ward	WR
97 LaTerrion Green	DT	4 Isaac Warren Jr.	CB
43 Peyton Guidry	LB	8 Jaylen Watson	WR
22 Dazarie Hall	CB	40 Koby Welch	LB
51 Dannie Harmon	DE	21 Jared West	RB
59 Jalen Haydel	OL	95 Isaiah Wheeler	DT
96 Cameron Heil	BUCK	92 Tremaine Whittley	DE
4 Clay Holgorsen	QB	9 Lionel Williams	S
70 Jonathan Hubbard	OL	29 Trey Williams	CB
46 Obinna Iheoma	LB	28 Dylan Wilson	CB
36 Corban James	LB	67 Stanley Woodley	DT
72 Korliss Johnson	OL	74 Chris Zirkle	OL
19 Tevyn Johnson	S		



Photo: Justin Burr



Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Justin Burr



Photo: Chris Reich

A photograph of a football player in a purple jersey with the number 45 running on a field at night. The player is in the foreground, slightly to the right, wearing a purple helmet and jersey. In the background, other players and spectators are visible, though out of focus. The scene is illuminated by stadium lights, creating a vibrant atmosphere.

[Football]

Northwestern State Football ended the 2017 season with not only a bang but also with an eight foot tall and 400 pound "Chief Caddo". With a heated win of 38-21, the Demons crushed their long time rivalry, the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

The taking home of Chief Caddo is a long time tradition between the two schools, starting in the year of 1962. It was then that the Lumberjacks presented Northwestern with a Black Gum tree trunk, measuring in at 30 inches in diameter and over a ton in weight. It was then to be carved into an American Indian statue because of the historical founding of the two teams hometowns, Natchitoches, Louisiana, and Nacogdoches, Texas. After over 200 hours of labor, Chief Caddo, the largest annual trophy exchanged by rivals, was born. One can only imagine the triumph the Demons felt after bouncing back from a taxing season of 4-7. Senior running-back, Chris Jones says, "I sprinted to Chief Caddo, and I wanted to lift it, but this thing is heavy." Jones rushed for a season-high 158 yards on 25 carries, his fourth career 100-yard game this season. "I had to let the big boys come get it for me." Another player says, "Running over to Chief Caddo is a feeling I will never forget."

With Chief Caddo in their grips, and a football in their hands, there is no telling what the beloved Demons will accomplish is the season to come.

By: Theresa Sharp

[Soccer]

2017 was a year of firsts for the Lady Demons. Coming off one of their best seasons in recent school history, the Demons qualified for the Southland Conference Tournament for the first time since 2008. They won their first game of the fall season, scoring 12 goals against LSU Shreveport. Brittany Caserma scored the first goal of the season. Sadly, with their highs, the Lady Demons also had to handle their first lows. Losing the second game of the season, and 12 games the entire season, was a major hardship for the Lady Demons to bare. Frustrated with their performance, the Demons played on in hopes of redemption. The Lady Demons scored 34 goals total during the season and won their final game. A team is only as strong as its weakest member, so what does that say about the Lady Demons? Brittany Caserma made All-Southland Conference Second Team and the All-Louisiana First Team. Alex Latham and Jayden Wheeler made the All-Southland Conference Academic Second Team. Latham also made 13 saves in one of the finest performances of her career. She finished her career second in NSU history in career saves (374), career wins (24) and career shutouts (15). Yeaya Gamboa was honorably mentioned on the All-Louisiana First Team. Our Lady Demons show no sign of weakness, and their fans continued to support them in this season and the future ones.

Story By: Emily Williams
Photos: Chris Reich



Photo: Chris Reich

GAME STATS

08/10/17	Texas A&M	L, 0-6
08/12/17	Little Rock	L, 1-2
08/18/17	LSU Shreveport	W, 12-0
08/20/17	Ole Miss	L, 0-8
08/25/17	ULM	W, 1-0
09/01/17	Texas State	L, 2-3
09/03/17	UL Lafayette	L, 0-2
09/08/17	Jackson State	W, 4-0
09/11/17	Mississippi Valley State	W, 4-0
09/15/17	Stephen F. Austin	L, 0-2
09/22/17	McNeese	L, 1-2
09/24/17	Lamar	L, 1-2
09/29/17	Incarnate Word	W, 2-1
10/01/17	Abilene Christian	L, 2-6
10/06/17	Sam Houston State	L, 1-3
10/13/17	Houston Baptist	L, 1-2
10/15/17	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	L, 1-2
10/20/17	Southeastern	L, 1-3
10/22/17	Nicholls	L, 0-1
10/27/17	Central Arkansas	W, 1-0

ROSTER

7	Sara Asakskogen	D/MF
1	Kayla Bomben	GK
15	Paityn Bretzer	F
13	Brittany Caserma	F
24	Brittany Cecil	MF
27	Shelby Drope	MF
18	April Ficarrota	F/MF
22	Gabriella Gamboa	F/MF
23	Esdeina Gonzalez	F/MF
30	Cache' Haley	F/MF
11	Jasmine Juarez	D/MF
28	Robyn Larson	D
00	Alex Latham	GK
14	Courtney LeJeune	D
10	Sage Leffew	D
20	Kelsey Lewis	F/MF
26	Jacqueline Manza	F
12	Olivia Marazzo	D/MF
8	Ashley Medawattage	D
17	Chandler Monk	MF
0	Abigail Pangallo	GK
2	Amy Renteria	D/MF
21	Payton Roney	MF
5	Ysmina Smith	D
19	April Trowbridge	F/MF
16	Jordy Warren	D/MF
25	Alexis Weaver	MF
4	Jayden Wheeler	MF
31	Toni Worley	GK





[Cross Country]

Demons

This season of Demon Cross Country was definitely one to be celebrated. The 13 young men were led by Coach Chris Sauer and placed well in their meets. This was a particularly good year for senior Joshua Wilkins, who comes to Natchitoches all the way from Maryland. Wilkins has enjoyed the challenges cross country and track have to offer since high school. During his tenure at Northwestern, he has continued to get top times for the team. He has a great competitive edge and is always trying to improve and better himself. Wilkins not only beat his own personal time at the Southland Conference, but went on to compete in the NCAA Division I Cross Country South Central Regional championships hosted by Texas A&M. Wilkins is the first top-ten finisher at the Southland Conference to take the Demons to Regionals in 14 years! He finished 32nd at Regionals with a time of 31:21.0.

By: Katie Gallinghouse

Photos: Gary Hardaman



Hunter Wamack



Hayden Robertson



Commissioner Tom Burnett with Josh Wilkins



Josh Wilkins

GAME STATS

9/16/2017

La Tech Mook Triple Dual

4 miles

Joshua Wilkins	21:43.8	8th
Brandon Lewis-Graham	21:56.7	10th
Darius Groves	22:22.9	15th
Blake Cantrell	23:15.3	27th
Hayden Roberston	24:28.6	37th
Grant Butts	24:33.9	38th
Dylan Dunford	24:53.6	40th
Denim Reeves	25:34.8	43rd
Jacob Hammons	26:27.2	46th
Adam Courville	27:32.0	48th
Tyler Corwin	31:31.0	51st

9/30/2017

McNeese Cowboy Stampede

4 miles

Joshua Wilkins	20:32.1	9th
Darius Groves	21:10.1	19th
Brandon Lewis-Graham 2	1:12.5	21st
Blake Cantrell	22:35.4	41st
Hayden Roberston	22:42.8	45th
Dylan Dunford	23:42.2	55th
Grant Butts	24:14.0	58th
Jacob Hammons	25:31.4	61st
Denim Reeves	26:53.6	65th

10/14/2017

Mississippi College Choctaw Open

8k

Joshua Wilkins	25:26.18	2nd
Brandon Lewis-Graham	26:42.71	11th
Darius Groves	27:38.90	18th
Hayden Roberston	30:27.49	40th
Hunter Wamack	30:34.33	42nd

10/27/2017

Southland Conference Championships 8k

Joshua Wilkins	24:56.4	6th
Brandon Lewis-Graham	26:38.3	55th
Darius Groves	27:05.4	64th
Blake Cantrell	28:41.2	78th
Hunter Wamack	29:11.0	82nd
Hayden Roberston	29:25.9	83rd
Denim Reeves	30:07.5	85th

ROSTER

Grant Butts
Blake Cantrell
Colby Clark
Tyler Corwin

Adam Courville
Dylan Dunford
Darius Groves
Jacob Hammons

GAME STATS

9/16/2017

La Tech Mook Triple Duals

4 miles

Erin Wrozek	16:18.4	4th
Emily Sitarz	16:43.9	6th
Jacqueline Rushford	16:59.8	7th
Emily Heard	17:45.0	11th
Isabella Hudson	17:45.5	12th
Sasha Ballard	18:36.4	17th
Hannah Heidebrecht	18:43.6	19th
Atianna Parks	19:36.3	22nd

9/30/2017

McNeese Cowboy Stampede

5k

Erin Wrozek	19:04.7	15th
Emily Sitarz	20:02.4	30th
Jacqueline Rushford	20:06.8	32nd
Emily Heard	20:15.5	34th
Isabella Hudson	21:11.8	42nd
Hannah Heidebrecht	21:18.0	43rd
Sasha Ballard	22:44.3	53rd
Erin Sitarz	23:08.4	56th
Atianna Parks	23:13.8	57th

10/14/2017

Mississippi College Choctaw Open

5k

Jacqueline Rushford	19:50.48	19th
Erin Wrozek	20:00.77	22nd
Emily Sitarz	20:11.93	25th
Hannah Heidebrecht	21:48.40	48th
Sasha Ballard	22:59.73	61st
Emily Heard	23:29.54	67th

10/27/2017

Southland Conference Championships

6k

Erin Wrozek	23:46.6	59th
Jacqueline Rushford	23:51.5	62nd
Emily Heard	24:03.7	67th
Emily Sitarz	24:09.2	68th
Hannah Heidebrecht	25:38.1	75th
Isabella Hudson	26:19.3	79th
Sasha Ballard	26:34.2	80th

ROSTER

Sasha Ballard

Jasmine Dansby

Emily Heard

Hannah Heidebrecht

Isabella Hudson

Atianna Parks

Jacqueline Rushford

Emily Sitarz

Erin Sitarz

Erin Wrozek



Emily Sitarz



Erin Wrozek



Sasha Ballard



[Cross Country]

Lady Demons

The Lady Demon Cross Country team recently took on The Southland Conference in Abilene, Texas. The team is led by Coach Chris Sauer and is comprised of 10 of Northwestern State University's best competitive runners. The Lady Demons finished top five in all of their races prior to the Southland Conference this season. While the Lady Demons did not get to the ranking they hoped for at the conference, collectively the team shaved 1:56 off of their previous time. Catching up with some of the team was difficult, but thankfully some slowed down enough to chat. Senior Emily Sitarz enjoyed her last Southland Conference: "I've been working extremely hard this past year, and it was a great experience seeing how not only my time, but our overall team improved immensely!" Sitarz has been working hard not only this year, but since the third grade. "Running is something I couldn't imagine my life without it. I love how positively it has affected my life. Getting to live an active and healthy lifestyle, while also getting to be part of a team." These Lady Demons are going places. Make sure you keep up with them!

By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos courtesy of NSU Sports Information



[Volleyball]

Volleyball is not only a physical game, but also mental. You have to get into not only your teammates' heads, but also your opponent's. Your feet must think before your brain does. This is what our Lady Demons do every season. The Northwestern State Lady Demon Volleyball team begins its season in Prather Coliseum during the first week in August. The first game is scheduled during the last weekend of August. This goes until Thanksgiving when the regular season ends. They do not stop there. After the break, the post-season for the National Collegiate Athletic Association begins mid-December. For the 2016 season, the Lady Demons had made improvements from 2015, but were in the middle of the ranks. They were ranked the sixth seed which was an improvement from the 2015 season when they did not qualify for the NCAA. They are expecting a better season for 2017. There have been five new members joining the Demon volleyball family this semester. Since they only had two players graduate, there have been a lot of players that had returned. As Demon athletes, a lot is expected of the players. "We hold them to a higher standard than just you go do whatever you want type of person", says head coach Sean Kiracofe. The team is expected to work 100 percent in everything that they do. This season for the Lady Demons was immediately off to a good start. They beat Sam Houston State who was undefeated which really boosted their morale for the rest of the season.

By Megan Palmer

GAME STATS

8/25/17	at Colorado	L
8/26/17	at Oklahoma	L
8/26/17	vs Seton Hall	L
8/30/17	at Alcorn	W
9/01/17	vs Winthrop	L
9/01/17	at Troy	W
9/02/17	vs Jackson State	W
9/07/17	at Ole Miss	L
9/07/17	vs Mercer	L
9/08/17	vs Austin Peay	L
9/12/17	at ULM	W
9/15/17	at Tulane	L
9/16/17	vs UNF	L
9/16/17	vs ALST	L
9/21/17	at Lamar University	W
9/23/17	at Stephen F. Austin	L
9/28/17	Alcorn	W
9/30/17	at Central Arkansas	L
10/05/17	Incarnate Word	W
10/07/17	A&M Corpus Christi	W
10/12/17	at McNeese	W
10/14/17	at Nicholls	W
10/17/17	Houston Baptist	L
10/19/17	at New Orleans	W
10/21/17	at Southeastern La.	W
10/26/17	Sam Houston State	W
10/28/17	Abilene Christian	L

ROSTER

1	Channing Burleson	OH/L
2	Kylie Spencer	L
3	Kourtney Seaton	MB
4	Emily Ornelas	L/DS
5	Reagan Rogers	OH
7	Madeline Drake	MB
8	Charli Fouts	DS/S
9	Alexis Warren	OH
10	Victoria Harris	OH
11	Hannah Brister	OH
12	Kathryn Wristen	S
13	Darria Williams	OH
14	Megan Lohmiller	L
15	Aiyana Bean	MB
17	Brooke Wood	MB



Reagan Rogers, Photo: Chris Reich

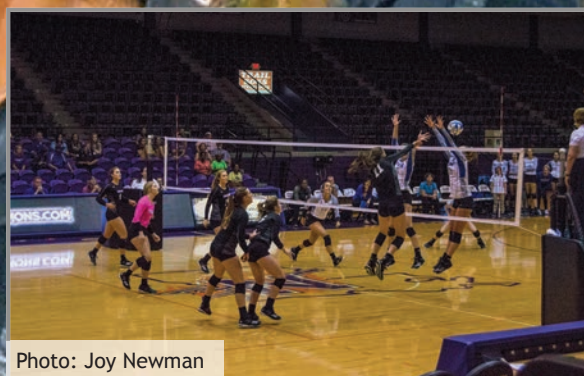


Photo: Joy Newman



Photo: Chris Reich

[Basketball]

Demons

Basketball is an invigorating sport that has their fans on the edge of their seats for every game. The NSU Demon basketball team had a very exciting season last school year. The season started in the second week of November against Texas A&M at College Station, Texas. The Demons had a good first half, but were prevented from getting a win during the second with the score of 44-72. The second game at Norman, Oklahoma, also did not go as planned, with NSU falling behind 61-97. NSU hosted the third game against LeTourneau where they won 92-87. In this game, Zeek Woodley went from fourth to third place on NSU's career scoring list, passing Dick Brown, who had 1,802 points from 1952-57. During the last few weeks of December something unexpected happened within the team. Woodley, one of the team's best players, injured his wrist during the first half of the game against Rice on Dec. 19. He would be out for over a month before he could play again. The injuries did not stop there. Malik Metoyer sported a knee injury that kept him out of the remainder of the games, but could come back if he had surgery and rehabilitate for later games. For the first Southland Conference game, the Demons lacked only a few points to defeat McNeese. During February, an online contest called Dark Horse Dunker made Woodley one of the contestants for a spot in the State Farm College Slam Dunk Championship on March 30, 2017. This was at the NCAA Final Four in Phoenix, Arizona. On the last full week of February, Woodley had gotten to come back after a few months off to play against Lamar. The Demons sadly lost by 20 points. The last game for the Southland Conference was a very memorable one. The Demons won against Central Arkansas with a score of 97-83. Also during this game, Woodley scored enough points to become first on NSU's career scoring list.

Devonte Hall and Ishmael Lane stood out last season, bringing a lot to the team with their scores.

"It was downhill after all of the injuries happened," said Lane. To them it wasn't the best season they could have had. They knew, though, that the next season was a fresh start. "I feel like we will be all right. We have taken some steps forward and honestly it's going to play out good," said Hall. Lane added, "It's just preparing us for the Southland Conference, so we just need to work out things that need to be worked out and fixed." Both players were from different parts of Louisiana, but they chose NSU for the same reason. "I prayed on the decision, and when they first came and talked to me it felt like it was a family atmosphere here," said Hall. Lane said, "It felt very welcoming, and they stayed loyal to me during my high school career when they were recruiting me." After games, practices and school work, the team likes to relax by playing basketball against each other or video games at someone's place.

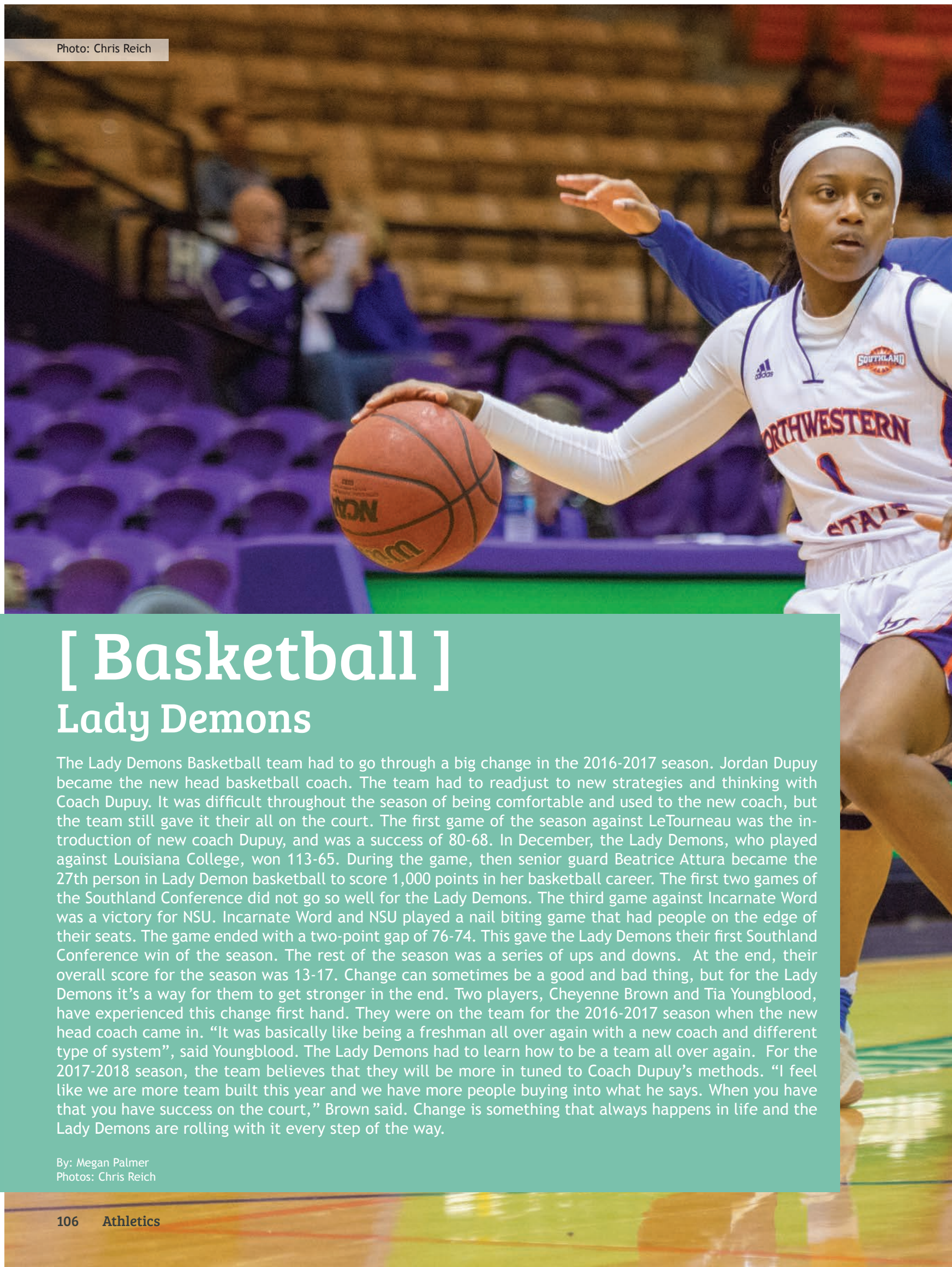
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Photos: Chris Reich

GAME STATS

02/09/16	vs Houston Baptist	69-86	L
11/11/16	at Texas A&M	44-72	L
11/13/16	at Oklahoma	61-97	L
11/18/16	vs LeTourneau	92-87	W
11/22/16	vs LSU-Alexandria	82-69	W
11/26/16	at Mizzou	0-84	L
11/28/16	at Mississippi State	59-65	L
01/01/16	vs LSU-Shreveport	88-74	W
12/03/16	at UTEP	79-67	W
12/17/16	at ULM	68-64	W
12/19/16	at Rice	93-100	L
12/28/16	vs Louisiana College	86-66	W
12/31/16	vs McNeese	72-79	L
01/05/17	at UIW	80-84	L
01/07/17	at Texas A&M-CC	82-99	L
01/12/17	vs Nicholls	86-81	W
01/14/17	vs Sam Houston State	68-77	L
01/21/17	at McNeese	78-65	W
01/25/17	at Southeastern La.	85-71	W
01/28/17	at Lamar University	64-85	L
02/02/17	at Central Arkansas	97-107	L
02/04/17	vs Stephen F. Austin	73-75	L
02/11/17	at Abilene Christian	72-76	L
02/16/17	vs Southeastern Louisiana	66-73	L
02/18/17	at Nicholls	80-78	W
02/22/17	vs Lamar University	68-88	L
02/25/17	vs New Orleans	83-82	W
03/02/17	at Stephen F. Austin	72-67	W
03/04/17	vs Central Arkansas	97-83	W

ROSTER

0	C.J. Jones	G
1	Iziahiah Sweeney	G
2	Caleb Starks	G
3	Devonte Hall	G
10	Malik Metoyer	G
12	Jalan West	G
13	Jacob Guest	G
15	Czar Perry	G
20	Ishmael Lane	F/C
21	Vontay Ott	G
22	DeAndre Love	G
23	Darian Dixon	F
32	Cody Cambre	G
34	Brandon Hutton	F
42	Larry Owens	C
44	Bailey Walker	G



[Basketball]

Lady Demons

The Lady Demons Basketball team had to go through a big change in the 2016-2017 season. Jordan Dupuy became the new head basketball coach. The team had to readjust to new strategies and thinking with Coach Dupuy. It was difficult throughout the season of being comfortable and used to the new coach, but the team still gave it their all on the court. The first game of the season against LeTourneau was the introduction of new coach Dupuy, and was a success of 80-68. In December, the Lady Demons, who played against Louisiana College, won 113-65. During the game, then senior guard Beatrice Attura became the 27th person in Lady Demon basketball to score 1,000 points in her basketball career. The first two games of the Southland Conference did not go so well for the Lady Demons. The third game against Incarnate Word was a victory for NSU. Incarnate Word and NSU played a nail biting game that had people on the edge of their seats. The game ended with a two-point gap of 76-74. This gave the Lady Demons their first Southland Conference win of the season. The rest of the season was a series of ups and downs. At the end, their overall score for the season was 13-17. Change can sometimes be a good and bad thing, but for the Lady Demons it's a way for them to get stronger in the end. Two players, Cheyenne Brown and Tia Youngblood, have experienced this change first hand. They were on the team for the 2016-2017 season when the new head coach came in. "It was basically like being a freshman all over again with a new coach and different type of system", said Youngblood. The Lady Demons had to learn how to be a team all over again. For the 2017-2018 season, the team believes that they will be more in tuned to Coach Dupuy's methods. "I feel like we are more team built this year and we have more people buying into what he says. When you have that you have success on the court," Brown said. Change is something that always happens in life and the Lady Demons are rolling with it every step of the way.

By: Megan Palmer
Photos: Chris Reich

GAME STATS

11/11/16	vs LeTourneau University	80-68	W
11/19/16	vs LSU-Alexandria	97-76	W
11/21/16	vs Central Baptist	93-42	W
11/23/16	at Texas	39-86	L
11/25/16	vs Mississippi Valley State	64-68	L
11/30/16	at Memphis	38-54	L
12/04/16	vs UL Monroe	67-65	W
12/11/16	vs Jackson State	83-65	W
12/18/16	at Arkansas	36-65	L
12/20/16	vs Louisiana College	13-65	W
12/28/16	at Mississippi State	30-106	L
12/31/16	vs McNeese	63-68	L
01/02/17	at Central Arkansas	43-76	L
01/05/17	at Incarnate Word	76-74	W
01/07/17	at Texas A&M-CC	51-60	L
01/12/17	vs Nicholls	75-58	W
01/14/17	vs Sam Houston State	78-51	W
01/21/17	at McNeese	52-68	L
01/25/17	at Southeastern Louisiana	58-69	L
01/28/17	at Lamar University	60-73	L
02/04/17	vs Stephen F. Austin	76-72	W
02/09/17	vs Houston Baptist	75-54	W
02/11/17	at Abilene Christian	74-75	L
02/16/17	vs Southeastern Louisiana	73-92	L
02/18/17	vs Abilene Christian	95-93	W
02/23/17	at Sam Houston State	73-92	L
02/25/17	vs New Orleans	95-93	W
03/02/17	at Stephen F. Austin	67-80	L
03/04/17	vs Central Arkansas	51-62	L
03/09/17	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	46-57	L

ROSTER

1	Gabby Bell	G
2	Nia Randall	G
5	Sami Thomas	G
12	Shahd Abboud	G
10	Jha'ne Wheeler	G
13/31	Victoria Miller	F/C
15	Jasmyn Johnson	F
20	China Young	G
21	Jocelyn Scott	F
22	Libba Gilliam	F
23	Gabby Jackson	P
30	Beatrice Attura	G
32	Cheyenne Brown	P
44	Tia Youngblood	F



HOME OF THE LADY DEMONS

[Tennis]

The team started its spring season at the Florida Gulf Coast Spring Invitational at Fort Meyers, Florida. The Lady Demons did not win any matches the first day, but the second day proved to be more successful. Emilija Dancetovic and Judit Castillo gained the first win of the season against Delia Arranz and Zofia Stanisiz from St. John's University. Later that day, Iryna Vardanian won a three-set triumph in singles, and in doubles paired up with Kateryna Avram to win against FGCU. In February, the team took a trip to Dallas to play against SMU where they had lost for the third time that season. They then returned to NSU to win their first home matches against ULL, Southern Mississippi, and Louisiana Tech. March rolled around with the Lady Demons scoring a win against Sam Houston State University. The Lady Demon tennis team came back home to fight against Abilene Christian, who were the top ranked in the Southland Conference. With the team members fighting hard in their matches, they secured a win against Abilene Christian.

The regular season ended with a loss to Central Arkansas in April at Home. The NSU Lady Demons were put as the No.6 seed in the Southland Conference Tournament. The team did not see the last of Central Arkansas because they had to face them again for the opening match. The team was given another loss by UCA sadly in the opening match and were stopped from advancing into the tournament. Director of Tennis Patric Dubois said, "We had a good start in the spring, but then we had some peaks and valleys during the season." At the end of the 2017 season, head coach Olga Bazhanova left after three seasons.

From the overall season two students stood out, Judit Castillo and Polina Ivanova. Judit had a 12-5 record in singles and 6-2 in doubles at conference matches. Judit came to NSU because she felt that it was the family atmosphere that she loved. "If I need anything, I know they are going to be there for me," she said. She was also selected to be on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association honorable mention team. Polina played in the No.1 singles and No. 2 in doubles positions. She came from Moscow to NSU after previous head coach Olga Bazhanova contacted and told her about the university. Polina has liked it here since then. The upcoming season will be her last as she will graduate in May 2018. "It's kind of sad because I don't know if I will still play tennis after it," said Polina.

By: Megan Palmer
Photos: NSU Sports Information

GAME STATS

01/21/17	LSU	L, 0-7
01/28/17	Tulane	L, 0-4
02/04/17	SMU	L, 1-6
02/09/17	ULL	W, 4-0
02/11/17	Southern Mississippi	W, 5-2
02/12/17	La Tech	W, 4-3
02/18/17	Texas State	W, 5-2
02/19/17	UTSA	W, 4-3
03/01/17	LSU-Alexandria	W, 7-0
03/01/17	Grambling State	W, 6-0
03/04/17	Sam Houston State	W, 4-3
03/12/17	Nicholls	W, 7-0
03/13/17	McNeese State	L, 2-5
03/18/17	Southeastern	W, 6-1
03/19/17	UNO	L, 2-5
03/25/17	Stephen F. Austin	W, 5-2
03/29/17	Lamar	L, 1-6
04/01/17	Abilene Christian	W, 4-3
04/08/17	TAMU-Corpus Christi	L, 2-5
04/09/17	Incarnate Word	W, 7-0
04/14/17	Central Arkansas	L, 2-5
04/14/17	Central Arkansas	L, 2-4

ROSTER

Kateryna Avram	So.	Kiev, Ukraine
Judit Castillo	So.	Teruel, Spain
Emilija Dancetovic	So.	Belgrade, Serbia
Polina Ivanova	R-Sr.	Moscow, Russia
Elzbieta Iwaniuk	So.	Konarskie, Poland
Polina Mutel	Jr.	Yaroslavl, Russia



Polina Mutel



Judit Castillo



Emilija Dancetovic



The Lady Demons throw forks



[Track & Field] Demons

One of the things taken most seriously here at Northwestern State is definitely our sports programs, and track and field is no exception! Demon track & field kicked off the season strong with two first place wins at LSU's Purple Tiger Invitational. Kyrin Tucker placed first in the weight toss in his first ever division one competition. Amir James took first in the 60 meter, with an incredible time of 6.76. Fellow Demons, Micah Larkins, Tre' Evans, and Cedric Paul all placed as well in their respective categories. James also was named Southland Conference Track Athlete of the Week, marking his first of the season for the title, and fifth of his track career. Two all-star sprinters from Northwestern's track and field team went on to represent the school at the USA Indoors competition. All-American Amir James qualified for the finals in the 300 meter dash, finishing fourth, and with the 45th fastest indoor time ever recorded. Larkins also joined his teammate at the event in the 60 meter. The TCU invitational proved to be an excellent setting for personal bests, season records, and winning times. James garnered another Athlete of the Week and national recognition after the TCU invitational. Men's track and field had an incredible semester and we will see more great things from these guys in the coming seasons.

By: Katie Gallinghouse



Ceasar Stephens,
Photo: Gregory Juan



Amir James and Micah Larkins



Ty Shilling,
Photo: Gregory Juan



Tre' Evans

OUTDOOR STATS

100 Meter Dash	Micah Larkins	10.20
	Amir James	10.20
200 Meter Dash	Amir James	20.56
400 Meter Dash	George Flaviano	48.05
800 Meter Run	Joshua Wilkins	1:56.59
1500 Meter Run	Joshua Wilkins	3:52.39
3000 Meter Run	Dylan Dunford	9:48.26
400 Meter Hurdles	George Flaviano	51.06
4x100 Meter Relay		39.92
	T. Johnson, M. Larkins, A. James, T. Shilling	
4x400 Meter Relay		3:13.97
	A. James, G. Flaviano, M. Larkins, C. Milton	
4x800 Meter Relay		8:19.52 7
	A. Renteria, G. Butts, J. Dahlhoff, A. Ballow	
1600 Meter Sprint Relay		3:32.54 5
	M. Larkins, T. Johnson, C. Milton, J. Wilkins	
High Jump	Tre' Evans	2.06m 6-09.00
Long Jump	Deylon Key	7.34m 24-01.00
Triple Jump	Ceasar Stephens	15.51m 50-10.75
Shot Put Throw	Kyrin Tucker	17.74m 58-02.50
Discus Throw	Kyrin Tucker	53.26m 174-09.00
Hammer Throw	M. Foster	52.30m 171-07.25
Javelin Throw	Ty Shilling	60.05m 197-00

INDOOR STATS

60 Meter Dash	Micah Larkins	6.68
200 Meter Dash	Amir James	21.08
300 Meter Dash	Amir James	32.79
400 Meter Dash	George Flaviano	49.37
600 Yard Run	Joshua Wilkins	1:17.20
600 Meter Run	George Flaviano	1:25.65
800 Meter Run	Jacob Dahlohoff	1:59.09
1 Mile Run	Joshua Wilkins	4:17.17
3000 Meter Run	Joshua Wilkins	8:43.85
4x400 Meter Relay		3:13.72
	A. James, G. Flaviano, M. Larkins, C. Milton	
High Jump	Tre' Evans	2.00m 6-06.75
Long Jump	Deylon Key	7.09m 23-03.25
Triple Jump	Q. Thompson	15.26m 50-00.75
Shot Put	Kyrin Tucker	16.75m 54-11.50
Weight Throw	Kyrin Tucker	17.41m 57-01.50

[Track & Field]

Lady Demons

It was a good season to be running with the Lady Demon Track and Field team. Starting the indoor season off right at the LSU Purple Tiger Invitational was the team who placed multiple women in the top 10. Improving upon that, the women travelled to UAB Vulcan Invitational winning three gold and two bronze medals. Two women also set personal records. The next tournament was the Second Annual Indoor Gorilla Classic and there the team broke more school records, winning multiple gold medals. From there the team traveled to the Southland Conference, winning three gold and three bronze medals. De'Shaylan Jones qualified to compete in the USATF Indoor Championships and she placed eighth in the 300-meter. This was the last indoor tournament, so the women went to McNeese State to compete in their first outdoor invitational of the season, winning eight gold and two silver medals. From these wins the team took home the Bob Hayes Cup. From there the women moved to the TCU Invitational, breaking more records and winning more medals.

The women ended their outdoor season at the SLC Outdoor Championships, continuing to excel in their categories. De'Shaylan Jones won four gold medals at this event, sending her to the NCAA East Preliminary Round Track and Field Championships. She qualified along with Quanese Jones-Young, Braneshia Payton, Natashia Jackson and Kelsey Frank.

By: Ashley Wisthoff

Photos: Courtesy of NSU Sports Information



OUTDOOR STATS

100 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	11.50
200 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	23.12
400 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	53.61
800 Meter Run	Jessica Coleman	2:13.74
1500 Meter Run	Erin Wrozek	4:49.05
3000 Meter Run	Erin Wrozek	10:52.25
5000 Meter Run	Jacqueline Rushford	19:31.42
100 Meter Hurdles	Daeshon Gordon	13.38
400 Meter Hurdles	Tamara Style	59.88
3000 Meter Steeplechase	Jacqueline Rushford	11:52.45
4x100 Meter Relay		45.30
	B. Payton, D. Jones, T. Style, N. Jackson	
4x200 Meter Relay		1:35.70 5
	D. Gordon, N. Jackson, D. Jones, T. Style	
4x400 Meter Relay		3:39.16
	D. Gordon, D. Jones, N. Jackson, T. Style	
1600 Sprint Medley		4:06.32 1
	T. Style, D. Jones, N. Jackson, J. Coleman	
High Jump	Quanese Jones-Young	1.73m 5-08.00
Long Jump	Jasmyn Steels	6.03m 19-09.50
Triple Jump	Fabriana Nation	12.22m 40-01.25
Shot Put Throw	Destiney Myers	14.89m 48-10.25
Discus Throw	Cori Runnels	46.92m 153-11.00
Hammer Throw	Gerianna Lyons	46.57m 152-09.00
Javelin Throw	Kelsey Frank	47.62m 156-03

INDOOR STATS

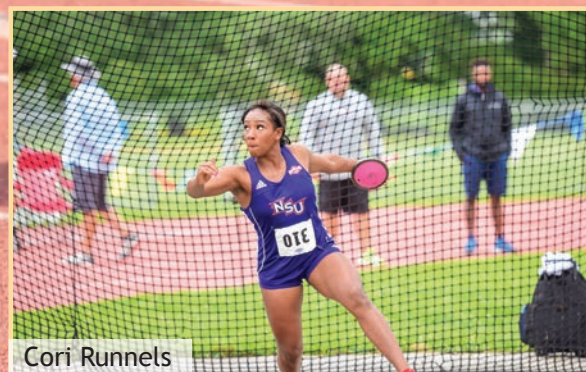
60 Meter Dash	Jermeka McBride	7.51
200 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	24.09
300 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	38.21
400 Meter Dash	De'Shalyn Jones	54.29
600 Meter Run	Jessica Coleman	1:43.66
800 Meter Run	Kristina Vujanic	2:18.40
1 Mile Run	Erin Wrozek	5:15.14
3000 Meter Run	Jacqueline Rushford	11:39.06
60 Meter Hurdles	Daeshon Gordon	8.20
4x400 Meter Relay		3:45.37
	T. Style, N. Jackson, D. Gordon, D. Jones	
Distance Medley		12:17.71
	K. Vujanic, M. Morton, J. Coleman, E. Wrozek	
High Jump	Quanese Jones	1.68m 5-06.00
Long Jump	Jasmyn Steels	5.93m 19-05.50
Triple Jump	Fabrianna Nation	12.18m 39-11.50
Shot Put	Destiney Myers	14.54m 47-08.50
Weight Throw	Gerianna Lyons	18.46m 60-06.75



Jacqueline Rushford



Tyra Duma



Cori Runnels



[Softball]

Coming off its fourth straight winning season, the longest such streak since 1998-2002, the Northwestern State softball team hoped to continue that streak for 2017. The team is coming back this season with passion in hopes to attend the Southland Conference Tournament, as last year they did not make it for the first time since 2012.

The girls worked together as a team, made great memories, and supported each other. Micayla Sorosiak, 2nd base, says, “The team was a fun team overall. We had rocky parts as every team does, but overall, the team got along and played really well together. I can honestly say every single girl had each other’s backs.”

Mikayla Brown, pitcher, says, “The team atmosphere last year was amazing. We had such great chemistry, it was a year of learning for us. It helped build us to be closer as a team and get through adversity together.”

Micayla Sorosiak shares some of her favorite game memories. “Some special games were when we were losing against Nicholls, my head coach got thrown out, and I hit a grand slam to take the lead just right after Jordan Rains hit a single. Brittney Jones hit a single off one of the best pitchers in the conference, and our pitcher Brown closed it out to win the series. Everyone contributed to that game, and it was something special.”

Sidney Salmans, centerfield, says, “Last season was good, but didn’t necessarily go the way we wanted it to. We started out really good in the beginning of the season, but struggled as we went on. We made it to the conference tournament, but couldn’t pull it out in the end. We made a lot of good memories on bus rides and at practices each day as a team. “

Making the conference tournament was a dream come true for senior Sorosiak. “I remember crying because I couldn’t believe we actually did it. My team helped us seniors fulfill our dream by letting us play one more game. I’m so thankful for my four seasons at NSU!”

By: Autumn Blanchard
Photos: Courtesy of NSU Sports Information

GAME STATS

2/10/17	vs Grambling	W
2/10/17	vs SIUE	L
2/11/17	vs Prairie View A&M	W
2/11/17	vs Sam Houston State	W
2/17/17	vs Maryland	W
2/17/17	at Florida	L
2/18/17	Florida	L
2/18/17	vs FIU	W
2/19/17	vs Florida A&M	T
2/22/17	at ULM	L
2/24/17	vs Fairleigh Dickinson	W
2/24/17	at Chattanooga	L
2/25/17	vs Saint Louis	L
2/25/17	vs Western Michigan	W
2/26/17	vs UT Martin	L
3/03/17	at Western Kentucky	W
3/03/17	at Oklahoma	L
3/04/17	vs Evansville	W
3/04/17	vs Western Kentucky	L
3/05/17	vs Evansville	L
3/08/17	Baylor	L
3/08/17	Baylor	L
3/10/17	at Lamar University	L
3/10/17	at Lamar University	L
3/12/17	at Lamar University	L
3/15/17	Louisiana Tech	W
3/17/17	Abilene Christian	L
3/18/17	Abilene Christian	L
3/18/17	Abilene Christian	W
3/22/17	at Louisiana Tech	L
3/24/17	at A&M-Corpus Christi	W
3/24/17	at A&M-Corpus Christi	W
3/25/17	at A&M-Corpus Christi	L
3/31/17	at McNeese	L
4/01/17	at McNeese	W
4/01/17	at McNeese	L
4/05/17	ULM	L
4/07/17	Incarnate Word	W
4/08/17	Incarnate Word	L
4/08/17	Incarnate Word	W
4/14/17	at Southeastern La.	W
4/15/17	at Southeastern La.	W
4/15/17	at Southeastern La.	L
4/18/17	at LSU	L
4/21/17	Nicholls	W
4/22/17	Nicholls	W
4/22/17	Nicholls	L
4/28/17	at HBU	L
4/28/17	at HBU	L
4/29/17	at HBU	W
5/05/17	Central Arkansas	W
5/06/17	Central Arkansas	L
5/06/17	Central Arkansas	L
5/10/17	vs Lamar University	L
5/11/17	vs Sam Houston State	W
5/12/17	Central Arkansas	L

ROSTER

1	Hayley Barbazon	OF/P	17	Katelyn Boles	RHP/1B
4	Brittney Jones	INF	20	Adele Vincent	INF
6	Kayla Roquemore	OF	21	Elise Vincent	OF
8	Emma Hawthorne	C/3B	22	Micayla Sorosiak	INF
9	Kaitlyn St. Clair	OF	23	Ashton Priester	INF
10	Toni Hebert	INF/C	25	Michaela Johnson	INF
11	Kaylee Isenburg	C	32	Kellye Kincannon	OF
12	Hailee Rhodes	INF	33	Sidney Salmans	OF
13	Julie Rawls	OF	40	Sidney Harris	UP
14	Mikayla Brown	P/UP	47	Jordan Rains	3B
16	Madelyn Matt	OF	99	Micaela Bouvier	P



Mikayla Brown



Kellye Kincannon



Brittney Jones



Julie Rawls

[Baseball]

The Demon Baseball team strikes back. Former All-Southland Conference first baseman Bobby Barbier, an alumni of NSU, started this year as head coach.

The team has competed for NSU since 1912 and been part of the Southland Conference since 1988.

Chris Bertrand began his first year as an assistant coach, as well as G.T. McCullough, who has been coaching for five years. Taylor Dugas also began his first year as a volunteer assistant coach.

The Demons opened the season February 17 against Cincinnati.

With sixteen newcomers, the team sought to replace a pair of draftees, center fielder Nick Heath, catcher Daniel Garner; 2015 SLC Hitter of the Year, Cort Brinson, and 2014 draftee Brett Underwood.

Despite those losses, the Demons return several veterans in the lineup, including second-team All-Southland Conference second baseman David Fry. Batting a .264 with seven home runs, starting 57 games his sophomore season, Fry entered the 2017 season having started 102 consecutive games. Barbier said he plans to deploy Fry in more of a super utility role this season.

“David’s a tremendous player, very versatile,” he said. “He’s going to play probably three to four different positions. He’s played second and third. He has the potential to play first, and he’s worked behind the plate some. Offensively, he gives you a competitive at-bat. He’s the guy conference opponents will have circled on the lineup card.”

Freshman Caleb Ricca enters with plenty of eyes upon him, earning pre-season SLC Freshman of the Year nods from Perfect Game USA and D1Baseball. com.

As is customary at Northwestern State, the Demons will face a tough non-conference schedule that includes 2016 College World Series participant Oklahoma State and super regionalist LSU. NSU also will take a ve-game trip to face Big 12 foes Kansas and Kansas State in March.

“Good teams expose flaws,” Barbier said. “You become better as a team when you know what your flaws are. We’ll have an idea before we get started, but when you open against a team like Cincinnati, every arm they run out there is going to be good. Every hitter’s going to be competitive in the box. You can get away with a few things when you play teams that don’t expose your flaws.

“We put our players in tough environments, in tough situations, so when it comes time for conference play, they’ve been there already. It’s a good schedule that will challenge us.”

Courtesy of NSU Athletics

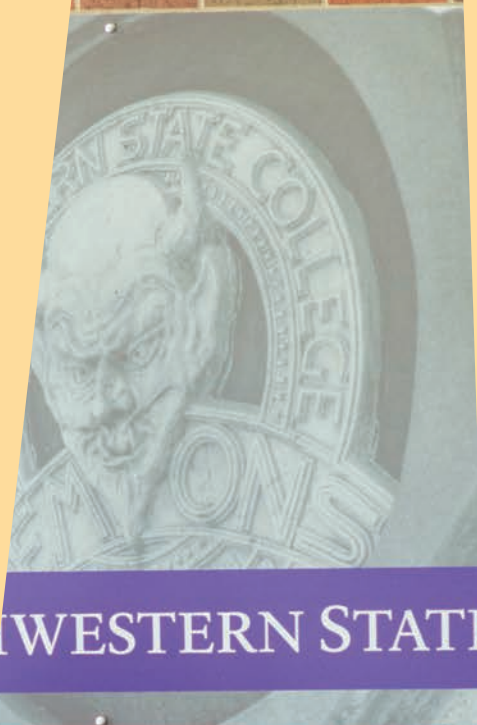
GAME STATS



2/17/17	Cincinnati	L	4/05/17	ULM	W
2/18/17	Cincinnati	W	4/07/17	Stephen F. Austin	L
2/19/17	Cincinnati	W	4/08/17	Stephen F. Austin	L
2/24/17	Arkansas State	L	4/09/17	Stephen F. Austin	L
2/25/17	Arkansas State	W	4/13/17	Southeastern	L
2/26/17	Arkansas State	L	4/14/17	Southeastern	L
2/28/17	UL Lafayette	L	4/15/17	Southeastern	W
3/03/17	Kansas	L	4/18/17	Prairie View A&M	W
3/04/17	Kansas	L	4/21/17	McNeese	L
3/05/17	Kansas	W	4/22/17	McNeese	W
3/07/17	Kansas State	L	4/23/17	McNeese	L
3/08/17	Kansas State	L	4/25/17	Mississippi Val.	W
3/10/17	Nicholls	W	4/26/17	Mississippi Val.	W
3/11/17	Nicholls	L	4/28/17	HBU	W
3/12/17	Nicholls	L	4/28/17	HBU	L
3/17/17	Oklahoma State	L	4/29/17	HBU	L
3/18/17	Oklahoma State	L	5/05/17	Incarnate Word	L
3/19/17	Oklahoma State	L	5/06/17	Incarnate Word	W
3/22/17	Lamar University	L	5/07/17	Incarnate Word	W
3/24/17	A&M-Corpus Christi	W	5/09/17	Little Rock	L
3/25/17	A&M-Corpus Christi	L	5/12/17	Abilene Christian	W
3/26/17	A&M-Corpus Christi	L	5/13/17	Abilene Christian	L
3/28/17	Lamar University	W	5/14/17	Abilene Christian	W
3/31/17	Central Arkansas	W	5/16/17	LSU	L
4/01/17	Central Arkansas	L	5/18/17	New Orleans	L
4/01/17	Central Arkansas	L	5/19/17	New Orleans	L
4/04/17	ULM	W	5/19/17	New Orleans	L

ROSTER

1	David Fry	IF	25	Regan Kaufman	INF
2	Matt Valdez	OF	26	Donovan Ohnoutka	RHP
4	Spencer Goodwin	INF	27	Brooks Bryan	RHP
5	Caleb Ricca	INF	28	Cole Langdon	RHP
6	Evan Tidwell	RHP	29	Dan Hlad	RHP
7	Miller Parker	SS	31	Austin Townsend	INF/RHP
8	Nathan Jones	P/C	32	Kyle Swanson	C
11	Cade Jones	OF	33	Peyton Davis	INF/RHP
12	Austin Reich	RHP	34	Hudson LaBorde	1B
13	Jake Rice	INF	35	John Carter Sanner	RHP
14	Tim Winders	RHP	36	Devin Bear	LHP
16	Chaney Dodge	INF	37	Kelsey Richard	C
18	Lenni Kunert	INF	38	Evan Daigle	RHP/INF
19	Emile Lege	RHP/OF	39	Cameron Taylor	LHP/OF
20	Matthew Alford	INF	40	Cullen McDonald	RHP
22	Kwan Adkins	OF	41	Hunter Uzzle	C
23	Tyler Smith	OF	43	Payton Stafford	1B
24	Carter Hankins	C/1B	44	Colby Koontz	RHP



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Gabrielle D'antoni

The life of an Early Childhood Education Major

Being an education major can be very tiring. Early mornings to get ready for a day at school, full school days in the classroom, and late nights preparing for the next day's lesson. Spending so much time in a school and preparing for the week of teaching and going to other classes and doing that class work can be very tiring. Bryn Hughes, Senior Early Childhood Education major, says, "The most rewarding part of being in residency one (previously known as Methods) is the experience I get in the classroom. I spend most of my week with my students and I learn so much from my two mentor teachers. "

Just like any major you may choose, education majors doubt if this is the right major for them too. It usually affirms everything when you connect with your students and you see that you truly helped them in some way. For Hughes, she knew she was meant to be a teacher in high school while participating in a program that allowed her to work in a kindergarten classroom. She worked with them three days a week for three months. "On my last day, I cried leaving my students and that's when I knew exactly what I was meant to do. Teach!" Hughes says.

Northwestern students have great resources with many schools in the city that they are able to observe and work with. These resources give students a more hands on and field work based experience. "Here at NSU it's not about learning through a textbook, it's about learning through experience. I would not have received this training anywhere else and I am so ready to tackle my future job as a teacher thanks to NSU!" Hughes says.

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
& HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

College of Education & Human Development



Elizabeth Perez



Hannah Hennigan



Deanna Bartlett, Claudia Rouleau, and other nursing students take class in Fornet Hall



College of Nursing & Allied Health



“Okay, Mr. Rogers, let’s get you taken care of,” Deanna Bartlett reassures the clementine orange, carefully inserting an IV into the skin of the fruit. “It’s the closest thing to skin we can work with, and I’ve got tons in my kitchen. Plus, if you anchor this part right here,” she says holding her thumb down on the vein of the orange, “it keeps it from rolling, which is what can sometimes happens with people’s veins.” Bartlett is a second level student nurse, hoping to pursue a career in trauma care. She has binders, papers and an open textbook strewn across her bed, preparing for a test over diabetes the next Thursday.

“This is literally my life,” she laughs, “but I love it.”

Northwestern is nationally known for its nursing program, and for good reason. With so many successful graduates being sent out into the workforce, they not only acquire the skills required to work as a nurse, but also the why’s and how’s of having good bedside manner. It takes a caring, compassionate person to be a nurse, not just someone who knows the textbook.

The first two years of a BSN, a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing, include lectures and labs on campus, and come time for clinicals, students either stay to work at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, or transfer to Shreveport or Alexandria for their clinical rotations. Being able to stay in Natchitoches is a new option many students are thankful for, something that wasn’t available in the past.

Clinicals involve two days a week spent at the hospital, working as student nurses. “We’re actually working now. I mean, obviously we aren’t licensed ourselves yet, but we are working under another nurse’s name and take care of their patients. We’re actually practicing as student nurses.”

Starting at 6:45 a.m., students take vitals, administer meds and make physical assessments. After rotations, everyone meets up for post conference, where they discuss patient’s diagnoses, plans of care, and special medication considerations for certain patient’s problems.

Northwestern offers a BSN, ASN, and a ASN to BSN curriculum. They have also added a DNP program, or Doctor of Nursing Practice, which is now required as of 2015 to work as a nurse practitioner. “Nursing isn’t having to study just to pass a test,” Bartlett says, “If I fail this test, that could be like seriously harming a patient. You’re dealing with humans. Real lives.”

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College of Business & Technology





Business students at a recruiting event



Karley Hebert



Northwestern State's College of Business ranks within the top 10 percent of college business programs, offering degrees in accounting, business administration, computer information systems, and hospitality management and tourism.

Faculty members in this college work hard in helping students get the most out of their college career by pushing them to learn and be ready for life after college. Professors give students hands on, real world projects to work on such as accounting case studies, business presentations, or planning and working an event. Students learn leadership qualities, how to manage finances, ways to start a business, international business, and computer skills.

Brianna Ashley is a senior, double majoring in business administration and hospitality management and tourism with a concentration in travel and tourism.

"The business world, specifically management and marketing, has always interested me growing up. I love learning about leadership, what it takes to make businesses

work and social media marketing. It wasn't until my sophomore year, that I added HMT to my college program! With hospitality management and tourism, I honestly found myself. I love interacting with people, traveling, hospitality, entertainment. I

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With hospitality management and tourism, you are required to go on an international study abroad trip. In Summer 2016, Brianna and a group of 14 students took their trip to Europe. They traveled 15 days around Italy and Greece and even took a cruise around the Greek Islands.

This year NSU got chosen out of the 65 universities that participate in the Americas Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation scholarship program to have a student represent them at the 2017 Lodging Conference in Phoenix, Arizona this fall. Only 10 students can represent AHLEF around the United States. Ashley was the student chosen by Northwestern State's Hospitality Management and Tourism department to represent NSU out of the whole program. She says, "I am so blessed for this opportunity and cannot wait to see what this door will open for me in my future career."

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Trinity Butcher,
Photo: Joy Newman



Addison Pellegrino and Xavier Matthews,
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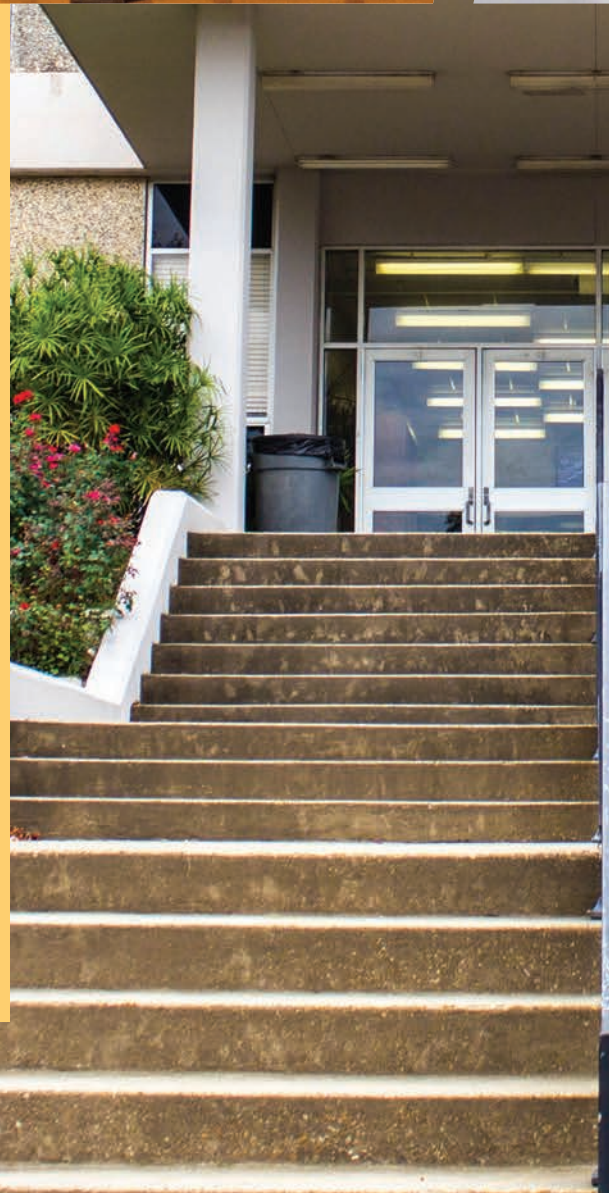
The College of Arts and Sciences is made up of many different areas of study. It houses the sciences, English, languages and the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Because it has so many different subjects, there are new things happening every year.

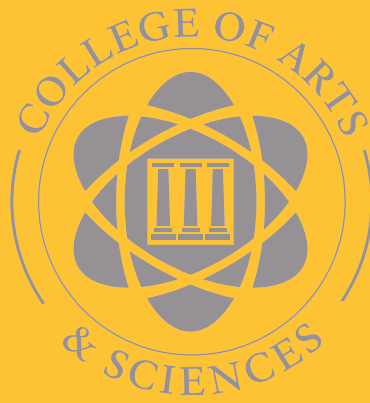
The College of Arts and Sciences is almost finished with a new active learning classroom in Bienvenu Hall. This will give students in the sciences a way to assist in flipped classroom learning, the ability to share findings with one another, and to allow those passing by to observe the classroom through the floor to ceiling glass outlining the classroom. Many of the programs in criminal justice had received national rankings and they are still responsive to the demands of the workforce in that area. The math department had one of its classrooms' smart classroom equipment updated. In Scholars, some of their students had gotten too attend the National Council for Honors Colleges Conference back in November 2017.

For the Creative and Performing Arts program, their opening show in Theater/Dance "Stars of Tomorrow" will be touring after performing for the first two weeks. They will be hosting the National Regional Conference of the American College Dance Association in April 2018. The Wind Symphony, Chamber Choir, Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Orchestra will be featured at the Louisiana Music Educators Association Conference in November in Baton Rouge. The Christmas Gala will be having nine performances on campus and will then be performing at Shreveport's Historic Strand Theater.

Even though the College of Arts and Sciences has different areas of study, it is where every new student starts their new chapter in life.

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College of Arts & Sciences



Jalen Haydel,
Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



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Student Spotlight

Titus Mccann

Theater is not a choice of study made lightly. Theater involves hours of grueling work, weeks of rehearsal, days spent painting and building, but it is all worth it in the end when all of your hard work is shown to an audience. Nothing can quite compare to well done theater that really speaks to the audience, which is exactly the kind of productions put on here at Northwestern State. These very same productions are what led senior theater major, Titus Mccann, to choose Northwestern State over other theater programs offered.

"I chose Northwestern State because on record, it is the best place for theater training in Louisiana!" A day in the life of a theater student is often long, but so much is learned along the way.

"My day generally starts with stage combat followed by classes which include acting, voice lessons, lighting classes (where one learns to fix, hang, focus, and control lights for shows), and classes focusing on the history of theater."

The theater program here offers an incredible amount of hands on experience in and out of the classroom; students are always given new opportunities to grow and expand outside of their comfort zones.

Titus says, "My favorite thing I have learned while in school here is how to safely extend my vocal range and significantly increase the amount of time I am able to sing before my voice is fatigued."

The theater department here at Northwestern state is often described as a big family, "That is my favorite part about being here in Natchitoches; my theater family. We all help each other out and make that everyone has what they need."

Beyond graduation in the Spring, Titus plans to return to Germany (where a select number of students had the opportunity to travel and take a master class abroad) or go to New York City to work. Titus sounds like he has an incredible adventure in front of him all thanks to the training he has received at Northwestern State.

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Aron Stephens, Colleen Reese, and Dr. Bartels dress up for Murder at Morrison

Jamien Sampson and Mary Peltier study in the lounge



The college celebrates its 30th Anniversary with Alumni, Photo: Chris Reich



Mia Adams is called to stand in the Trial of Orestes.



Louisiana Scholars' College



Kailey Wisthoff attends the only designated honors college in Louisiana, Louisiana Scholars' College. When asked why she loves Scholars, Wisthoff says, "It is a close-knit community where I feel that my individuality is accepted, not only amongst my peers, but also amongst my professors." LSC is a college where students choose between a liberal arts degree or an NSU joint major degree. Wisthoff is majoring in liberal arts with a concentration in fine and performing arts. One of her favorite things about the college is her ability to be involved with NSU and LSC. She is able to take classes outside of Scholars', which she loves. "I love getting to experience and meet new people at NSU." Even though Wisthoff is only a freshman, she has received many opportunities. For example, in November she will attend National Collegiate Honors Council. This is a conference every official honors college attends, and LSC will send six this year. When asked why she wants to attend, Wisthoff said, "I am excited to take part in the conference this year, so that I can learn new things from other schools, and take them to Scholars' for the future." However, the best part of attending the Scholars' College is that she gets the chance to grow as a person. In her classes, she is expected to listen and discuss with students of different backgrounds and beliefs. This has caused her to become more accepting and a better communicator. Wisthoff says that if there is one thing about the college that she wishes more people realized is that they are "just like every other student on campus and have the same kind of stress and fun that everyone else does."

It is a close-knit community where I feel that my individuality is accepted, not only amongst my peers, but also amongst my professors.

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THEATRE



Theatre department performs at Lady of the bracelet, Photo: Chris Reich



New Faces cast,
Photo: Steven Sheerin





Gala, Photo: Chris Reich



Ballet Class, Photo: Chris Reich

College of Creative & Performing Arts: Theatre & Dance

Northwestern State University's Theatre and Dance department kicked off their fall season with something a little different from a traditional musical. "Stars of Tomorrow" was composed of 12 students who came together, performing pieces solo, in duets, and in groups. "Stars" was not a typical musical, but rather a collection of different pieces ranging from classical musical theater to more contemporary pieces and everywhere in between; the show contained both singing and dancing. The show was directed by Dr. Corey Trahan and compiled by the students picking out three out of three of their dream roles, and Trahan built the show from there. Senior Maddie Fry said she "loved every second of the process. We made the show our own from the very beginning so it was very special to me." The smaller, more personal nature of the show really allowed for castmates to connect with one another and create a truly unique experience. The show served not only as a form of entertainment, but with its touring performances it also served as a recruitment tool. The department definitely has many future stars in its midst, so this was the perfect show to kick off the fall season with!

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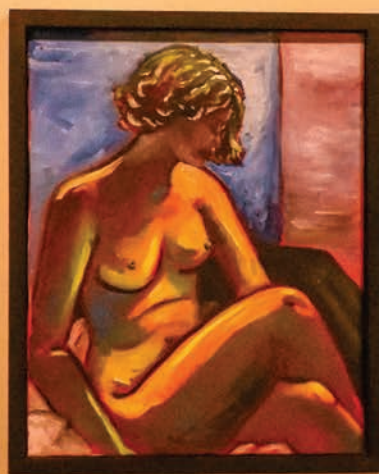
Richelle Dorris, Photo: Joy Newman



Sarah Hill in the photo studio, Photo: Joy Newman



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Student Show, Angela Gourdon, Photo: Joy Newman



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College of Creative & Performing Arts: Visual Art

Gallery



Northwestern State University's visual arts program of CAPA is composed of graphic design, painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, fiber arts and ceramics.

Students in this program help to create beauty on campus and around Natchitoches. The mural outside of the grill on campus was created by these students a few years ago. This year students made amazing tile murals for the Moreauville Catholic Church.

NSU's visual arts program strives to give students hands on experience so they will feel confident in being an artist after college. There are also classes that help students learn about the business side of art.

Coleen Cagle, senior fine and graphic art major with a concentration in crafting, says, "Crafting classes are like fine art classes, except it concentrates more on the business side: buying and selling art."

At NSU I'm creatively challenged as soon as I walk into the classroom and well after I leave.

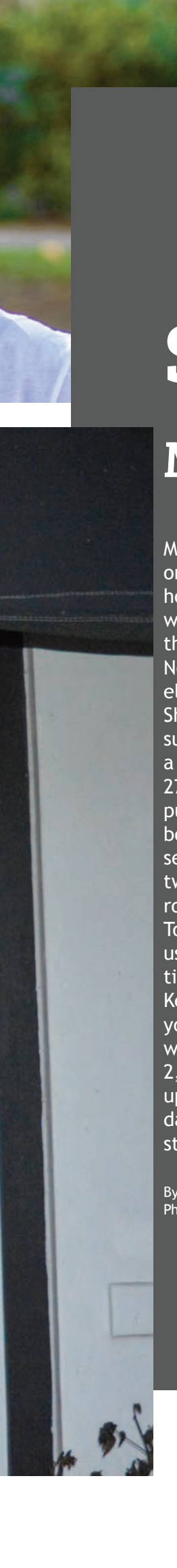
The CAPA department is unlike any high school program that students transition from. Being a part of this department allows you great resources like a 3-D printer, iMac computer lab, photography studio

and a darkroom.

Hannah Pettus, Freshman Graphic Design major with a concentration in Photography, says, "NSU definitely exceeded my expectations. I was so used to a mediocre art department that never challenged me. At NSU I'm creatively challenged as soon as I walk into the classroom and well after I leave."

By: Autumn Blanchard
Background Photo: Justin Burr





Student Spotlight

Mia Bashay

Many college students are members of campus organizations or hold jobs that exemplify their hobbies. For junior Mia Bashay, that hobby is writing. She has had a passion for writing since third grade when she began writing poetry. Now, Mia is an African-American romance novelist.

She wrote her first book during the summer 2017, which took her about a month, and was released on Aug. 27, 2017. She has signed with a publisher and has written four more books during the fall semester. Her second and third book only took her two weeks to write each while enrolled full time at NSU.

To balance writing and school, Mia says, "I usually schedule writing time with homework time. I have an app on my phone called Word Keeper where you put in how many words you'd like to write every day and it counts your words daily. I try to write anywhere between 2,000 and 5,000 words every day. Even if I end up throwing complete chapters away the next day it's still good for me to keep writing and stay dedicated."

By: Autumn Blanchard
Photos: Hannah Pettus

Each of her five completed books are published through Kindle ebooks. With each release of a new book she has gone up in the rankings. Her first book landing at No. 114 in African American Romance Literature and Fiction to her fourth book landing at No. 26.

"I think the most important thing to do is to make sure that you follow your passion. You find things for what you want to have time for and sometimes you can't write throughout the week because your education comes first. That just means you can't go to an event over the weekend, but when you're doing something that you're really passionate about and love, it isn't a punishment to sit at home for an hour or two on Saturday and work on your craft. Time management is your best friend and you should never let anyone pressure you into changing something about your craft. Friends, family and publishers may try to talk you into changing things that your heart is in and you should fight for what you want because your name will be the one plastered on it."



Luis Alejandro Gallo Quintero,
Photo: Chris Reich



Cast of Figaro, Photo: Chris Reich

Northwestern is known for its Creative and Performing Arts program. There are four different disciplines within CAPA. Music is one of the most well known on campus. Ranging anywhere from Spirit of Northwestern to Chamber Choir, the music program is one filled with variety and talent. This department focuses on providing students with the proper education to utilize their degrees within the music field. The faculty does this by teaching courses that someone outside of the department might not think of. For example, music history and music theory are necessary for many degrees. While they may seem boring, Rachelle Edwards, junior, says they are her favorite courses. “Both classes are incredibly fascinating and really help to develop a better appreciation for music.” Students are also able to thrive so well in this college because of the variety of artists. Edwards says “it is so inspiring to work with musicians of all different calibers.” But CAPA is more than just a degree program. It is a community. The students spend so much of their time together that they become a family. However, the thing that stands out the most for Edwards is the faculty of CAPA: Music. She personally believes they are the best on campus; the professors within CAPA are “truly dedicated to the success of their students.”

Both classes are incredibly fascinating and really help to develop a better appreciation for music.

By: Ashley Wisthoff



Andrew Palmintier, Photo: Chris Reich

College of Creative and Performing Arts: Music



Brandon Brumbelow, Photo: Chris Reich

Student Spotlight

Meg Denny

It's 7 a.m. and Meg Denny is waking up to get to NSU where she can work with other students to create change on campus - change to help students feel accepted on campus and make campus an overall better place for everyone. She does this in a multitude of ways. One is her involvement with organizations on campus. She is president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, and is heavily involved with Pride and Demons Support Demons. However, her help for college students goes beyond NSU. "I am a campus organizer for the Feminist Majority Foundation, the publisher of Ms. Magazine. My work involves working with and empowering feminist students across Louisiana to organize around reproductive justice issues that we face on our campuses, in our cities, and in our state." She also takes time to visit these other campuses and help with events and fundraisers. Denny also knows that the work goes beyond campuses. It is also in politics: "Other times, I'm at the capitol, encouraging legislative advocacy around policy that deeply affects the lives of [Louisiana]'s young people." While campus might still need some changes, there are parts that are in favor of students, which Denny loves: "Something that Dr. Briseño from the English, Foreign Language,

and Cultural Studies Department opened my eyes to a few semesters ago is that NSU is economically an incredibly accessible university. I will always appreciate a school that offers diverse scholarships and aid to their students. Also, our online class options are vast, which opens up opportunities to students with different educational plans more room to learn."

After graduation, Denny plans to just kick back and enjoy life: "I think there's a value to just getting an annoying job and hanging out with friends. I want to do more of that and less paper writing. Maybe I'll finally ride my bike again." She deserves it after all the hard work she has put in during her time on campus. Denny has some wise words for other students looking to cause change: "The work is hard, and I always learn a lot from the students I meet. Here's the deal: young people have a history of leading the feminist movement, and we are rad as hell. That's what I get to be reminded of everyday in my organizing work."

By: Ashley Wisthoff
Photos: Joy Newman & Steven Sheerin





Ashley French, Emily Ricalde, Tova Volchack



Destinie White



College of Creative & Performing Arts: New Media, Journalism, & Communications Arts





Professor Stephen Merrill

The communications department at Northwestern provides students with opportunities to gain skills through speaking, writing and multimedia production in courses that lay the foundation for jobs in the communications field. There are three concentrations that NSU provides in the communications department that students can choose from to direct their career path, including strategic communication, broadcast and digital media production and multimedia journalism.

Strategic communication encompasses everyday communication with human beings and polishes skills for public relations. Students can learn how to deliver messages to audiences and how media play a role in society.

Broadcast and digital media production gives students the tools to create and produce media of many different styles. Skills learned range anywhere from television to radio to film to Web delivery, and students are provided with technology to have the hands-on experience needed after college. This year, the broadcast and digital media department expanded its program by hiring Stephen Merrill to teach film, editing and video production classes, as well as Kenneth Burns to teach feature writing for the fall semester.

Multimedia journalism serves as an outlet for writing stories and publishing articles that capture topics of interest. It is a well-rounded concentration that students can use in many different journalism careers and industries such as newspapers, magazines, Web, and social media.

By: Reagan Escude
Photos: Bonny Bacoccini



Photo: Chris Reich

Noah Baudoin represents KNWD at Freshman Connection,
Photo: Steven Sheerin



Potpourri Lead Designer, Jacklyn Marr
Photo: Justin Burr



Chloe Romano hosts Puppies and Papers, Photo: Steven Sheerin



Student Media

Current Sauce, Potpourri, & KNWD

Northwestern has four different student media outlets including KNWD radio, NSU TV, the Potpourri and the Current Sauce. All of these media sources are run by students under the direction of Kenneth Burns, who is serving his first year as Student Media Coordinator.

KNWD radio is a noncommercial radio station that operates for the university community, the city of Natchitoches and surrounding areas. Junior Noah Baudoin is the general manager of KNWD radio.

“I never thought I would be involved in student media, but it has granted me so many uncommon opportunities. The environment here is like no other, and it is extremely motivating to be surrounded by close friends and peers all working towards the same goal,” Baudoin said.

NSU TV is the university’s official television channel and it gives students the ability to utilize experiences in reporting, writing, and producing video.

The Potpourri is the university’s yearbook, published once a year. Students on staff plan and design each page of the yearbook to make sure it is up to date on all activities and events happening each school year.

“I’ve always had a passion for writing,” Editor in Chief Kierstin Richter says. “I was editor of a literary magazine in high school and I knew I wanted to pursue this more in college. I was on staff as a writer my sophomore year and decided to apply for the editor in chief position for my junior year. It’s been so rewarding and I am so glad that I did it.”

The Current Sauce is the school newspaper which is published weekly during the fall and spring semesters. Not only is it printed each week, but it is also published online. The paper covers campus and community events along with social issues and current events. Alec Horton is the editor and chief of the newspaper and has learned many skills throughout his time on staff.

“The skills I’ve learned here have given me a big boost in whatever industry I choose to work in. The travel opportunities student media has presented me with have helped open my eyes to career fields I didn’t even know existed in the past.”

This year, none of the student media leaders were even communication majors. Ranging from psychology to biology to music, the student media department has a lot of diversity.

“I think being a psychology major has actually been beneficial as editor,” Richter said. “You have to run a staff of people with different personalities and you have to figure out how to get everything done peacefully without people trying to rip each other’s heads off.”

By: Reagan Escude’





Student Media Spotlight

Bonny Bacoccini

Bonny Bacoccini is a senior communications major with a concentration in broadcasting and digital media production and a minor in photography. She has been the head photographer for the Potpourri since the Fall of 2017. Her fascination with photography starts back in high school. At Bossier High, she was a part of the yearbook staff. Mrs. Pipes, her yearbook teacher, gave her the encouragement she needed to keep going with photography. After her photography was featured in the yearbook, she felt so accomplished and was very proud. After transferring in the spring of 2016, wanting to get involved, she joined the Current Sauce newspaper as a photographer. She later left the Current Sauce, but she missed using photography for a purpose so she joined the

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Potpourri in fall 2017. She did not stop there, though. Bonny also became interested in KNWD, the campus' radio station. With her recent interest in K-pop, she became a radio DJ every Thursday.

Being a part of student media has helped Bacoccini in so many ways. It has helped her with speaking in an

authoritative voice when talking to contacts who are scheduling photography opportunities with her. "It has taught me a world of responsibility from showing up and covering events to having the pictures for a spread turned in on time", said Bacoccini.

"Bonny really has a knack for getting things done," Kierstin Richter, editor-in-chief of the Potpourri, said. "If I need something handled immediately, she's the first person I call on. She's definitely one you can count on to make things happen."

By: Megan Palmer
Photos: Justin Burr



Satellite Campuses.

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150-151 Leesville
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Photos: Bonny Bacoccini
& Justin Burr



Food Trucks cater the campus every other week



First Lady Jennifer Maggio collects books for the literacy program

Leesville Campus

You may not think Leesville Campus is the place to be, but you would be oh so wrong. Leesville has all of the charm of the main campus, but with all the personalization and one and one time Natchitoches natives cannot always snag. Leesville may not have a Café Demon, but thanks to Dr. Henderson, they have their very own Keurig in the library that has various coffee and tea options all for free. They just ask you donate a dollar every now and then to keep the coffee rack full of options for everyone. Right across from the library is the newly refurbished student lounge that makes students feel right at home on this cozy campus. The students miss the mismatched furniture of old, but are definitely grateful for the change. The campus has just recently started having food trucks come to the school for a few hours at a time to serve up some incredible food for the equally incredible and hardworking students. The campus has one registered student organization, the National Student Nursing Association. They hold their monthly meetings in style, often hosting guest speakers and delicious potlucks. The Leesville campus mainly hosts nursing students and non-traditional students, but the small yet mighty campus has much to offer in the ways of beauty, spunk, and most importantly Demon spirit.

By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Bonny Bacoccini







Alexandria Campus



Nursing students practice radiology



Kayla Bellard,
Photo: Bonny Bacoccini

Northwestern State's main campus may have that family feel, but Alexandria's small class sizes and easy commutes truly give that home away from home feel. The campus mostly consists of nursing students who love the personal bond they have with fellow students and faculty. It is great to see so many individuals working together towards a goal they are all passionate about and having the faculty be there with them every step of the way. One of the really nifty things about the Alexandria campus is the setup the nursing students have. The labs are equipped with dummies to practice on and really get a feel for real life situations. The radiology tech students have also recently acquired their own space across town just for them. The general student body consensus is that Alexandria might very well be the best campus around. Watch out main campus, Alexandria is coming through!

By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Bonny Bacoccini







Shreveport Campus

Chasity Rose

The switch from small town Natchitoches to Shreveport can be a little jarring for nursing and allied health students. Leaving a town of mom and pop shops to a city that has Chipotle and Chick-fil-A, many students are pleasantly surprised. Although it's different, Warren Mcfarlain says being in a more professional program surrounding his major is nice. Everyone he associates with at school is doing the same as he is. "I kinda feel more grown up now like I'm just about to start my career."

Although the workload is heavier, gone are the days of English, math, and prerequisite classes having nothing to do with your major. "The teachers have very high expectations which is what makes it a great program," Mcfarlain says.

Catherine Shaw, junior, says moving to the Shreveport campus after being in Natchitoches is like transferring schools. "Yes, it's still Northwestern, but everyone is on this strict schedule. In Natchitoches you can go play tennis in the middle of the day, but here the hours from 7 to 7 are basically reserved for school." She says at times she does miss being in Natchitoches. "There were stressful moments, but at the end of the day I knew I could come home and watch TV without having to be glued to a book. It's just a different atmosphere in Shreveport.

We are basically in transition between school and the workforce. Trying to balance those two is a job in itself. Down time is a rarity here."

Looking to apply for clinicals? Get ready. The workload is about to triple. Shaw says her days consist of studying, class, and more studying.

"On non-clinic days, if we wake up after 7:30, we're basically behind," Shaw says.

"We do squeeze in time for food but it's limited. On clinic days, which are two days out of the week for juniors and three days for seniors, we are basically working from 7:30-4:30." Although it's tough, it's well worth it. These men and women are your future nurses and radiologists, and you'd best bet they're ready to dive right in after graduating from NSU.

"I kinda feel more grown up now like I'm just about to start my career."

By: Kierstin Richter
Photos: Justin Burr



Greek Life.

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Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



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Photos: Justin Burr & Chris Reich



Bailey Martin serving for the purple team



Ashley Fortenberry & Juliana Garcia

The Greeks of NSU were back at it again for the 2017 Greek Week, put on by Order of Omega. With a 90s theme, everyone experienced a major throwback. Monday started off with an all Greek picture and the Fresh Greeks of NSU Step Show. Tuesday featured a Slime a Greek philanthropy event and an Out of the Box competition. Wednesday was reserved for the “I’m a 90s Kid” field day on Org Row, as well as Double Dare Trivia, Rugrats Sandbox Co-Ed Volleyball, and Spongebob Squarepants Sponge Wars. Finally on Thursday, the week was wrapped up by Greeks giving back with the annual Keep Natchitoches Beautiful service project. At the awards banquet, the Yellow Team won Greek Week overall, the team made up of Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., Sigma Nu, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Tau Kappa Epsilon. Jessie Gabor, Greek

Week chair, says “Putting on Greek Week was one of my biggest accomplishments during my time at NSU. Order of Omega’s main event for the spring semester is organizing Greek Week. Serving as President came with this task, but with the help of the other members of Order of Omega and the outpouring support from the entire Greek community, Greek Week was a success! Seeing the entire Greek community come together for a week of service and fun was one of my favorite memories at NSU.”

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Photos: Zack Breaux

Greek Week

90s Throwback



The Green Team





Sigma Sigma Sigma



Alpha Omicron Pi



Sierra Richard, Phi Mu



College Panhellenic Council



'Tis the Season of Recruitment

Sorority Recruitment: Stands in lines for eight hours and told to be quiet 17,000 times.

Fraternities: We're smashing a car at 5.

Sororities and fraternities have much different processes of recruitment. While the fraternities seem to take the "chill approach," sororities take the war games approach.

This isn't makeup, this is war paint, and the girls are ready to catch their prey - excuse me, new members.

Sorority girls know the feeling best. You're super excited to gain at least 40 new sisters, but in order to receive them, you must withstand hours and hours of "Becky, that's too much hairspray... No, did you forget your name tag?! THOSE SHOES ARE NOT THE RIGHT COLOR... EVERYONE QUIET! THE GIRLS ARE OUTSIDE."

For the last few weeks of summer leading up to the first couple weeks of school, the recruitment director is basically the president. She has worked countless hours, full days, and all nighters preparing for those intense three days. She is the glue holding the sanity of that weekend together.

Sorority recruitment may look like all fun and games, but in reality, it's truly choreographed war. You are told exactly where to stand, when to talk to which girl, and for how long. The parties are planned to the minute, and if it runs one over, the entire schedule could be shifted, making preparation for the next party super hectic. The feeling is about the equivalent as when you realize you have an assignment due

at midnight...and it's 11:52.

Girls crouch in their wedges, hiding in the bathroom, scarfing down Pop Tarts and goldfish, trying to muster up the essential energy for the next party. From across the house, you hear things like "DOES ANYONE HAVE A BOBBY PIN?! OH GOSH WHAT WAS THE BLONDE GIRL'S NAME?! I LIKED HER A LOT." Most of the sophomores are scoping out the freshman for potential littles, already picking out what color canvas and rain jackets they will surprise them with. Sometimes, you talk to a girl you really like and want to be your sister, and you find out your "rush crush" has woefully picked another house. You shed a couple tears and pretend you're okay as the girl runs "home."

Although the actives feel stressed sometimes, the PNM's have no idea. Lindsey Sullivan, sophomore, says she was surprised how stress free the recruitment process was for her. "Meeting each house felt like a new family wanting to get to know me, and it was so exciting! My favorite thing was finding my place and running home!"

Running home is the best part. The insanity of the weekend is finally all worth it when Bid Day comes. Decked out in glitter, tutu's, and tulle, each sorority eagerly waits for their Gamma Chi's to reveal their letters and run back home, as well as the new pledge class, antsy on their toes, bursting with joy to run to their new sisters. The rest of the day is filled with pictures, teaching the new girls to "throw what they know" and all the fatty foods everyone was craving all weekend. #GeauxGreek

By: Kierstin Richter
Photos: Justin Burr



Alpha Omicron Pi

“Inspire Ambition”

Founded:

January 2, 1897

Chapter:

Kappa Chi

Flower:

Jacqueminot Rose

Chartered:

January 25, 1997

Color:

Cardinal Red

Symbol:

Panda





Homecoming Parade,
Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Justin Burr



In 1997, Alpha Omicron Pi was chartered on Northwestern campus. Since then, women have found a place to call their second home. Virginia Falgoust, junior, says that AOP is her family. "They are the girls that I know will always be there for me in times of need and in times of celebration. While I am in college, and after I leave." Even though this chapter has been around for a short time, it still has incredibly dedicated alumnae whose goal is to better the chapter. Whether it is with helping active sisters out by showing up to events or being a support system, they are there. This chapter is also a place of complete support; Taylor Powell, junior, says, "No matter what, I am constantly valued. I feel that the chapter has given me constant support and the opportunity to be able to have leadership roles."

Founded upon diversity, this chapter strives in creating a place where women can come in and feel accepted. Alison Garcia, sophomore, describes this acceptance best. "AOP accepts women from all walks of life; it's part of what makes us such a diverse group... The keystone in the life of an AOP woman is love. It's what bonds us together with a sister that can be as far away as Canada, or right here in Natchitoches... I have sisters that I love and love me back, and that's really what we're looking for: women that can help us grow to become more than what we could have been on our own."

By: Ashley Wisthoff

Sigma Sigma Sigma

“Faithful Unto Death”

Founded:

April 20, 1898

Chapter:

Alpha Zeta

Flower:

Purple Violet

Chartered:

February 17, 1928

Color:

Royal Purple & White

Symbol:

Sailboat



Bid Day, Photo: Justin Burr



Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Chris Reich

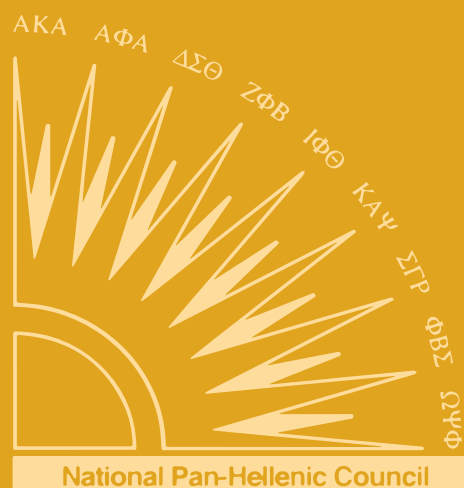


Kylie Descant & McKenna Reed,
Photo: Justin Burr

Sigma Sigma Sigma is the second oldest chapter on campus. While there are no two sisters who are the same, each belongs to the same sisterhood. Senior, Morgan Horn, who initiated earlier this year in the spring, says that even just after a short time, “these girls are more my sisters than my own actual sisters . . . [this chapter] is my saving grace.” These sisters are there for each other when their biological families cannot be. Senior, Madeline Mason, says that after her family moved back to California during her freshman year, these women helped her get through one of the hardest times in her life. “Having sisters being able to back me up and give me a home away from home meant the world to me.” Kennedy Lampert, who initiated in the Fall of 2015, says that she has never felt more empowered in her life than by this organization. “One thing I am looking forward to is being able to be engaged in our alumnae chapter and doing things when I’m not necessarily here in on campus,” says Abby Hinds, president. Alumnae are extremely important in any Greek chapter; especially in the Alpha Zeta chapter. This year, an alumnae member of this chapter, Sherri Morgan, and her husband, made a \$1 million endowment to first year students in the sorority and Pi Kappa Phi, her husband’s affiliation. The sisterhood creates astonishing and wonderful relationships, challenging them to excel not only academically, but as leaders as well.

By: Ashley Wisthoff

National Pan-Hellenic Council



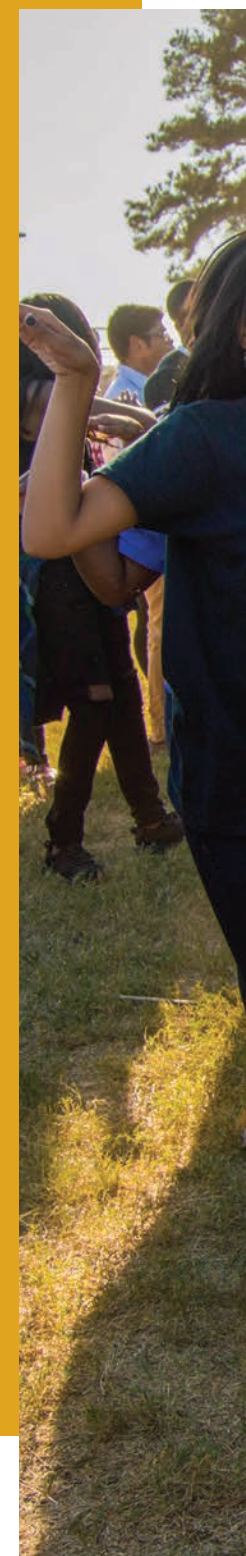
Traditions

The National Pan-Hellenic Council was founded May 10, 1930, in Washington D.C. The Council is comprised of nine historically African-American, sororities and fraternities, more commonly known as the “Divine Nine.” The original stated purpose of the council was “Unanimity of thought and action as far as possible in the conduct of Greek letter collegiate fraternities and sororities, and to consider problems of mutual interest to its member organizations.” The organization came together to give a voice to the African-American students of the time and continues today honoring that legacy and history. Of the nine Greek-lettered organizations, five are represented here on Northwest-

ern State’s campus: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Members of the NPHC have a deep respect for their roots, histories and their founders. It is incredibly important for one to understand the history of the council, if they wish to join a particular organization within it. NPHC members place heavy emphasis on scholastic achievements, community service and philanthropic endeavors. NPHC members also know how to have a good time at different events they host such as different social events, educational programs and events for each organization’s “week” and step shows.

By: Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Rachel Neathamer & Chris Reich





Alpha Kappa Alpha

“Service to All Mankind”

Founded:

January 29, 1908

Chapter:

Eta Chi

Flower:

Pink Tea Rose

Chartered:

1968

Colors:

Salmon Pink & Green Apple

Symbol:

Ivy Leaf





Alpha Kappa Alpha is a part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Since the beginning of the year, they had gained new membership, so they have been able to increase their participation and involvement on campus. Also with new membership they have branched out more into the community. They have hosted many events on campus such as self-defense classes, Zumba class, study nights, partnering with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. for candle light vigils and held fundraisers at Canes, Pizza Hut and Orange Leaf. Their community service includes attending a girl's home in Natchitoches, collecting and donating pillows for domestic violence, assisting with move-in day, donating items to Hurricane Harvey victims, and collecting school items for their international Initiative, One Million Backpacks. Alpha Kappa Alpha attended Leadership Seminars and Conferences. In fall 2017, they had an AKA week from Oct. 8-13. They had events from church on Sunday to celebrating the 44th year of AKA being chartered on NSU's campus on Friday. For Le'Kayla Smith, the president of Alpha Kappa Alpha, being a part of this sorority has helped shape her into who she is today. "It has taught me many skills about life and it has definitely increased my ability to be a leader," says Smith. She has learned to deal with lots of personalities and has been able to learn and love the true meaning of sisterhood. "Being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. has been better than I could have ever expected and I am grateful for our powerful founders that came together to form the best sorority."

By: Megan Palmer



Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Chris Reich

Karley Hebert, Photo: Justin Burr

“1-8-5-2, We’re the ladies of Phi Mu! Rose, white, rubies, pearls, we’re your favorite Southern girls! M-cubed taught us right, faithful sisters day and night! Bringing class to NSU, P-H-I-M-U that’s who!!” The Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity has been on Northwestern’s campus since 1968, bringing fun and positivity everywhere. The fraternity’s philanthropy is Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, where they raise awareness and money for the kids. This past year, the girls have raised thousands of dollars through philanthropy events such as a Color Run in partnership with Sigma Nu, and Bayou Bash, an event held in the fall. Not only do the girls raise money for the cause, but they also see where the money goes by visiting the NICU in Saint Francis Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria.

Although a lot of effort goes towards service, these Phi Mu girls know how to have a good time, too. Having date parties, semi formals, and Carnation Ball, there’s always a time for fun.

With sisters on Beta Beta Beta, Order of Omega, and Homecoming Court, you can find them anywhere, always ready to lend a hand and make you smile.

By: Kierstin Richter



Photo: Justin Burr

Phi Mu

“Les Soeurs Fideles”

Founded:

March 4, 1852

Chapter:

Kappa Iota

Flower:

Pink Carnation

Chartered:

February 17, 1968

Color:

Rose & White

Mascot:

Lion



Bid Day, Photo: Justin Burr



Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.'s mission statement is to "develop leaders, promote brotherhood, and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities." The men of Alpha Phi Alpha certainly live up to their mission statements. The men of Alpha Phi Alpha serve our local community by having their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Clean Up day. The brothers also have many national services projects that the organization as a whole works on such as the "Go to High-school, Go to college" initiative that shows the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education in order to work towards advancement. They also host great events that the community looks forward to, such as their incredible annual step show, the Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant, and Golden Explosion. The Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated was founded on Northwestern's campus Nov. 16, 1973 and they have been making a difference for the better ever since.

By:Katie Gallinghouse
Photos: Rachel Neathamar

Alpha Phi Alpha

“First of All, Servants of All,
We Shall Transcend All”

Founded:

December 4, 1906

Chapter:

Theta Chi

Flower:

Yellow Rose

Chartered:

November 16, 1973

Color:

Black and Old Gold

Symbol:

Great Sphinx of Giza



Delta Sigma Theta

“Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom”

Founded:

January 13, 1913

Chapter:

Iota Mu

Flower:

African Violet

Chartered:

May 21, 1972

Color:

Crimson & Cream

Symbol:

Lady Fortitude





Photo: Steven Sheerin



As one of the NPHC sororities on campus, Delta Sigma Theta holds many events to benefit not only their members, but also other students on campus. Each year, they hold a business social to teach students how to apply for jobs and conduct successful interviews. Multiple times throughout the year, they also hold voter registration drives. Kylan Poullard says that her favorite part of being a part of this organization is “being able to bond with my sisters every day and making these friendships that will last a lifetime. Being a part of my sorority means being a part of something bigger than me. It means being a part of a sisterhood that is forever going.”

Delta Sigma Theta creates not only a sisterhood for these women, but also an environment that fosters opportunities. “From Delta Sigma Theta, I have received the opportunity to travel around the country,” Poullard said. “I want people to know that Delta and other NPHC organizations are not just about strolling and stepping. We are all committed to helping out community in any way necessary. We love to be involved and interact with the people around us.”

By: Emily Williams



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. was founded Jan. 5, 1911 in Bloomington, Indiana, at Indiana University. The Theta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi was chartered Nov. 18, 1975, on the campus of Northwestern State University. Since they were chartered, 34 lines have been brought into the brotherhood successfully. These men pride themselves in achieving in every field of human endeavor. Their original colors are Crimson and Cream.

By: Autumn Blanchard

Kappa Alpha Psi

“Achievement in Every Field of
Human Endeavor”

Founded:

January 5th, 1911

Chapter:

Theta Lambda

Symbol:

Diamond

Chartered:

November 18, 1975

Colors:

Crimson and Cream



Zeta Phi Beta

Scholarship, Service, Sisterly
Love, and Finer Womanhood

Founded:

January 16, 1920s

Chapter:

Xi Epsilon

Flower:

White Rose

Chartered:

Spring 1920

Color:

Royal Blue & White

Symbol:

Dove





Photo: Steven Sheerin



Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. was founded on Jan. 16, 1920, amidst the climate of change in America; women were granted the right to vote and the Harlem Renaissance was in full swing. The founders of Zeta Phi Beta were looking to overcome just being a social organization and wished to be a more progressive organization addressing social issues, prejudices and a safe space for African-American women. Today, Zeta Phi Beta is not just an African-American organization but includes women from all creeds and walks of life. Zeta has even established a chapter in Africa and has more than 100,000 members. The sorority has two national philanthropies: Z-HOPE (Zetas Helping Other People Excel) and Stork's Nest. Z-HOPE is a national service program that strives to "enhance, cultivate and empower participants to develop health promoting lifestyle choices across the lifespan." Stork's Nest is done in collaboration with the March of Dimes. The goal of Stork's Nest is to provide and promote early/regular prenatal care to combat infant mortality, low birth weight babies, and premature babies. The Xi Epsilon Chapter at Northwestern State University was chartered the same year the sorority was founded. Every fall the women of Zeta Phi Beta put on a Greek step show, compete in stroll offs and hold the Mr. Blue and White pageant in the spring. Zeta Phi Beta is more than just a social organization. They are a progressive group of women who volunteer, hold high academic standards and help others.

By: Katie Gallinghouse



Men of Kappa Alpha at move-in day



Sigma Nu homecoming float
Photo: Chris Reich



Men of Pi Kappa Alpha,
Photo: Justin Burr

Interfraternity Council



With all of the organizations on Northwestern's campus, Greek life plays a huge role in student involvement. Three years ago, NSU brought Fraternity Bid Day to the campus, and the seven fraternities that participate have been thriving ever since.

The Interfraternity Council aids Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Theta Chi, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma in the areas of recruitment, academics, public relations, service and education. Recruitment is especially vital to each fraternity's success on campus because it brings in new initiates each semester who will ultimately grow the future of their brotherhood.

Recording Secretary of Kappa Alpha Order Garrett Drouant says that recruitment is always a

very exciting time on campus.

"Every organization puts their best foot forward, and you see the best that every organization has to offer," Drouant said.

Hayden Pilcher, recruitment chair and vice president of Sigma Nu fraternity, said that it's important to step up and work hard to bring new members to each chapter.

"It's really rewarding to see the hard work you put in to set up events for the guys that will eventually pledge," Pilcher said.

Fraternity Bid Day is a way for all young men participating in IFC recruitment to be together and celebrate their joining of a lifelong brotherhood. Though the recruitment process is long and sometimes stressful for active members, it ultimately brings the Greek community closer.

By: Reagan Escude'



IFC men on homecoming court,
Photo: Chris Reich

Kappa Alpha

“Dieu et les Dames”

Founded:

December 21, 1865

Chapter:

Gamma Psi

Flower:

Crimson Rose and
Magnolia Blossom

Chartered:

January 1, 1963

Color:

Crimson & Old Gold



Lawn Party, Photo: Zack Breaux



Lawn Party, Photo: Zack Breaux



Photo: Justin Burr



Andrew Hinojosa, Lawson Scott, Blaine Reeder, Josh Wilkins, Photo: Zack Breaux

Kappa Alpha Order was founded on Dec. 21, 1865 at Washington College in Lexington, Virginia by Robert E. Lee and Samuel Zenas Ammen. Its motto is “Dieu et les Dames,” translated as “For God and the Ladies,” and its values are centered around the importance of brotherhood and being a true, Southern gentleman in all circumstances. The Gamma Psi chapter was chartered at NSU on Jan. 1, 1963, and it is one of the oldest fraternities on Northwestern’s campus. In fact, our very own president, Dr. Chris Maggio, was part of the 1983 pledge class of the Gamma Psi chapter and also served as president of the fraternity during the 1984-1985 school year. Kappa Alpha Order’s philanthropy is the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the young men at Northwestern hold events each year to raise money and spread awareness for the cause.

Annually, Kappa Alpha holds “Revel on the Cane”—five days full of dressing up, dancing, and fun all leading up to a formal dance. On the morning of the formal, many parents and alumni come out for “Lawn Party” to celebrate Kappa Alpha’s southern heritage.

Vice President Lawson Scott says that KA has brought him many opportunities and connections that he would not have had otherwise.

“I came to Natchitoches not really knowing anyone, but KA has brought me some of my best friends that have helped shape me into who I am today,” Scott said. “I’ve made so many connections by being involved in our chapter, and it’s definitely one of the best things I’ve been a part of during my college career.”

By: Reagan Escude’



Thomas Celles & Chance Carter,
Photo: Justin Burr



Homecoming float,
Photo: Chris Reich



Patrick Juneau,
Photo: Justin Burr

Kappa Sigma was founded on a chilly evening in December 1869, in Charlottesville, Virginia. The five founding members believed in the Four Pillars of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service. The fraternity has many notable members and is the largest college social fraternity. The Theta Mu chapter of Kappa Sigma recently celebrated 50 years since being chartered on Northwestern's campus, hosting many social events such as a crawfish boil and Buffet bash. The fraternity also holds fundraising events for certain charities including Healing our Heroes Homes and Veterans Moving Forward, along with the Military Heroes Campaign, which aids in helping veterans and families. "Kappa Sigma gave me the brotherhood I never imagined I would ever have." said sophomore Fernando Gonzalez. "It's family, and family is everything."

By:Katie Gallinghouse



Kappa Sigma

The Star and Crescent shall not be worn by every man, but only by him who is worthy to wear it

Founded:

December 10, 1869

Chapter:

Theta Mu

Flower:

Lily of the Valley

Chartered:

1966

Color:

Scarlet, White, Emerald Green

Symbol:

Star & Crescent



Pi Kappa Alpha

“Once a PIKE, always a PIKE”

Founded:

March 1, 1868

Chapter:

Mu Kappa

Flower:

Lily of the Valley

Chartered:

October 25, 2014

Color:

Garnet & Old Gold

Symbol:

Shield, Diamond, Oak Tree





Tailgating,
Photo: Chris Reich



Homecoming 5K,
Photo: David Kolb



Homecoming parade,
Photo: Chris Reich

What began more than a century ago in the year 1868 as a small group of men has now grown into one of the largest and most recognized fraternities around the world. Established at Northwestern just a few years ago in 2014, Pi Kappa Alpha, known as “PIKE”, has not only risen in popularity, but also has continually strived for the betterment of their community and campus.

Just last year NSU’s PIKE raised close to 800 community service hours. On top of that, they also raised over \$3,300 going towards philanthropy. Recently PIKE was also recognized as having the highest fraternal GPA on campus. It is no wonder why PIKE is such a respected name on campus.

Charlie McClintock, president, says, “It is such an honor to represent the men that I am able to hold in high regards as my brothers. It has been one of the best experiences so far in college to be able to serve my brothers.” Other brothers go on to say that, “PIKE has helped me become the leader I am today”, and “Being a PIKE is such a life changing experience. You receive brothers for life that hold you accountable for your actions.”

It is hard to overlook the love these brothers have for each other. Pi Kappa Alpha is dedicated to developing men of integrity, intellect, and high moral character.

By: Theresa Sharp



Homecoming parade



Manton Capers & Noah Baudoin



The Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was chartered on Northwestern State University's campus in 1956. The fraternity stays true to their tagline, "Exceptional Leaders. Uncommon Opportunities."

Pi Kappa Phi is the only fraternity to own and operate their own nonprofit philanthropy, The Ability Experience. The largest event is Journey of Hope which covers 32 states nationwide. The event is comprised of Pi Kappa Phi members cycling over 12,000 miles combined and spreads a message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities.

The Beta Omicron chapter hosts an annual Morgan Extra Mile Scholarship banquet which is possible because of David D. Morgan and Sherry Morgan, who are both Northwestern State alumni. These scholarships are awarded to members who go the extra mile. Besides the scholarship banquet, Pi Kappa Phi also hosts many other philanthropic and social events on campus.

By: Autumn Blanchard
Photos: Chris Reich

Pi Kappa Phi

Nothing shall ever tear us asunder

Founded:

December 10, 1904

Chapter:

Beta Omicron

Flower:

Red Rose

Chartered:

September 21, 1956

Color:

Gold and White

Symbol:

Bell, Star, & Lamp



Sigma Nu

“Love, Honor, Truth”

Founded:

January 1, 1869

Chapter:

Mu Rho

Flower:

White Rose

Chartered:

1997

Color:

Black, White & Gold

Symbol:

Snake





Caleb Jones,
Photo: Bonny Bacoccini



Homecoming float,
Photo: Chris Reich



Grant Butts,
Photo: Justin Burr

Sigma Nu is ready to strike with their enthusiasm and work ethic from the local to campus level. Since the beginning of the year, they have raised over \$3,000 for St. Jude's and the Children's Miracle Network by holding a 5k Color Run For the Kids with Phi Mu. They have also spent several hundred hours doing community service around Natchitoches and even out of state. The Sigma Nu's cleaned up areas on and off campus, volunteered at the local Hope for Paws animal shelter, and collected and took supplies to areas that were affected by natural disasters. Because of so many events that were held by Sigma Nu, the brothers all became closer to one another. Grant Butts, the commander of Sigma Nu, was glad for his choice in brotherhood and thinks it was one of the best decisions of his life. For the past three years, it has helped him grow as a person as well as in a professional and social aspect. Being a part of the brotherhood has given him many opportunities to do things that he loves. He has helped the community by doing service work, traveling the country and meeting several new people along the way. "I could not imagine where I would be at in life without Sigma Nu," Butts says.

By: Megan Palmer



Homecoming parade,
Photo: Chris Reich

Tau Kappa Epsilon is one of the many fraternities on Northwestern's campus. Since the beginning of the fall semester, the Epsilon Upsilon chapter has volunteered at the Natchitoches animal shelter by the fairgrounds and helped with alumni projects. Throughout the fall semester, they hosted two major events. The chapter had a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, their philanthropy. Their choice of philanthropy is fitting because the founder, Danny Thomas, was an alumni of the Gamma-Nu chapter. Rock n' roll legend, Elvis Presley, is also a TKE. The other main event was their annual Christmas festival fundraiser. During the opening weekend of the Christmas festival, they worked a food vendor booth with the help of an honorary TKE. Being a member of TKE has been an amazing experience for Lajarious Jones, the president of the Epsilon Upsilon chapter. When coming to Northwestern, he had no intention of going Greek. He especially did not think he would become the president of a fraternity, but he is happy as can be with his decision. "It's helped me better my leadership skills, while growing as a person," says Jones.

By: Megan Palmer

Tau Kappa Epsilon

“Better men for a Better World”

Founded:

January 10, 1899

Chapter:

Epsilon Upsilon

Flower:

Red Carnation

Chartered:

May 4, 1957

Colors:

Cherry & Gray

Symbol:

Equilateral Triangle



Theta Chi

“An Assisting Hand”

Founded:

April 10, 1856

Chapter:

Eta Omicron

Flower:

Red Carnation

Chartered:

October 13, 1973

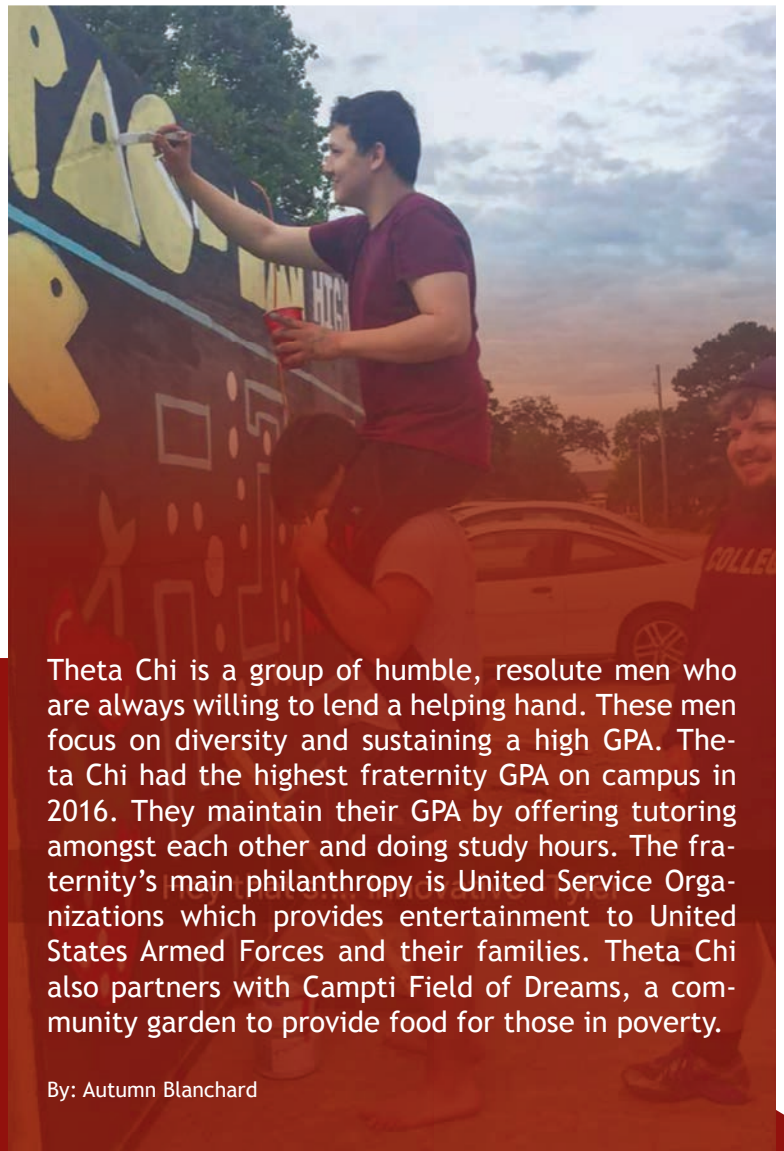
Color:

Military Red & White

Symbol:

Rattkesnake





Theta Chi is a group of humble, resolute men who are always willing to lend a helping hand. These men focus on diversity and sustaining a high GPA. Theta Chi had the highest fraternity GPA on campus in 2016. They maintain their GPA by offering tutoring amongst each other and doing study hours. The fraternity's main philanthropy is United Service Organizations which provides entertainment to United States Armed Forces and their families. Theta Chi also partners with Campti Field of Dreams, a community garden to provide food for those in poverty.

By: Autumn Blanchard

National Interfraternity Music Council

The National Interfraternity Music Council is made up of by seven different music-based organizations. Northwestern State University is home to four of these seven: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Sigma Alpha Iota, Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma. Together they work to improve the Creative and Performing Arts department. The NIMC is slightly different than the North-American Interfraternity Conference, the National Panhellenic Conference, or the National Pan-Hellenic Council. For example, The NIMC is not a governing body, though formal agreements can be made between the four organizations.

One benefit of this is that members of one of the four NIMC organizations on campus can also be members of the other Greek organizations. For example, one can be a brother of Theta Chi and also Phi Mu Alpha. Northwestern State University alumni and former Theta Chi President Jamarius Williams is what is called

a “double brother.” He explains how being a brother of both an NIMC and IFC fraternity is great because one has twice the brothers, therefore twice the fun. “They’re both really different, yet really similar. They are both Greek organizations, so they work about the same. However, Phi Mu Alpha is dedicated to service, music and brotherhood. Whereas Theta Chi is specifically service and brotherhood,” Williams said.

As well as IFC fraternities, one can also be a brother or sister within the NIMC. For example, you can be a sister of Tau Beta Sigma and Sigma Alpha Iota. The same applies with Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha. Music fraternities and sororities offer members a chance to celebrate brotherhood and sisterhood, while allowing them to bond over one thing that they all have in common: a love for music. The Northwestern community and Creative and Performing Arts departments wouldn’t be the same without the diversity and support of their members.

By: Kasi Patten
Photos: Justin Burr





Kappa Kappa Psi

“Strive for the Highest”

Founded:

November 27, 1919

Chapter:

Theta Nu

Flower:

Red Carnation

Chartered:

November 21, 1986

Color:

Blue & White



Logan Pierce, Cody Vorwerk, Lane Clevenger, Corbin Fontenot



Cody Vorwerk & Becky Blackshear



Zach Hevron



Gustavo Corrales, Cody James, Jake English, & Brandon Brumbelow



Brandon Brumbelow

“The Theta Nu chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi Fraternity has served Northwestern State State University and the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band since 1986. For over thirty-years, Theta Nu has strived for the highest degree of philanthropy and scholarship. Kappa Kappa Psi, a service fraternity by semantics, focuses their philanthropic efforts on supporting and aiding the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band in their basic needs. Part of their service efforts include feeding the band and providing water at practice. As well as service they also partake in social events such as Blue Fuzion: a benefit step-show they host in tandem with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Those interested in membership must be a member of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and have a passion for brotherhood, service and music.”

By: Kasi Patten



Chris Ball, Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Chris Reich



Photo: Chris Reich

“Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia is the oldest music fraternity in the United States of America. Founded in 1898, Sinfonia has a rich history of bettering men in the field of music and aiding those who wish for the same experience. Through their belief of the “musicianly man” and the “manly musician” the challenge men across the globe to further music in America. Northwestern State University is home to the Gamma Rho chapter who was chartered on May 24 1942. Gamma Rho is the oldest active chapter in the state of Louisiana. In Spring 2017, Gamma Rho held their 75th Anniversary Gala. Brothers from chapters across the state joined Gamma Rho Sinfonias young and old to celebrate 75 wonderful years of bettering men and making music. Men interested in joining Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia do not have to be music majors, but must love music. PMA is interested in men whom have a heart for philanthropy, brotherhood, and of course, music.

By: Kasi Patten

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

“Among Men Harmony”

Founded:

October 6, 1898

Chapter:

Gamma Rho

Flower:

Chrysanthemum

Chartered:

May 24, 1942

Color:

Red, Black & Gold



Photo: Justin Burr

Sigma Alpha Iota

Vita brevis, ars longa

Founded:

June 12, 1903

Chapter:

Beta Iota

Flower:

Red Rose

Chartered:

May 15, 1950

Color:

Red & White





Photo: Kara Scouten



Photo: Steven Sheerin



Sigma Alpha Iota is the world's oldest music-based fraternal organization for women. The social Greek organization focuses on encouraging women to stand out in their career field and to better music in American society. Sigma Alpha Iota was founded on June 12, 1903, at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Northwestern State University is home to the 68 year old Beta Iota chapter. Beta Iota has taken part in numerous fundraising activities such as the Trena Camp Benefit Kickball Tournament, which helps raise money for Natchitoches Parish music programs. In addition to fundraisers, sisters routinely participate in activities such as ushering university concerts, hosting post-performance receptions when requested, and performing in sister-led musicales. For women interested in striving for philanthropy, sisterhood and scholarship in SAI, one must be a second-semester freshman or older and possess a credit in music.

By:Kasi Patten



“Tau Beta Sigma is a co-ed, service sorority founded on the basis of serving bands across the nation. Like their brother organization, Kappa Kappa Psi, they assist in tending to the needs to the bands where their chapter is located.

Northwestern State University is home to the Eta Pi chapter of TBS. Eta Pi has been the helping hands of the Spirit of Northwestern since the chapter was chartered in 1987. For over 30 years, they have ensured every member of the ensemble is fitted for every piece of that iconic purple and white uniform. From the tip top of the plume to the festive spirit socks, TBS works year round to see that every member is dressed and ready for step-off.

Students who seek membership must be members of the Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band and have a passion for service and sisterhood.

By:Kasi Patten



Photo: Justin Burr

Tau Beta Sigma

“Tau Beta Sigma for Greater Bands”

Founded:

March 26, 1946

Chapter:

Eta Pi

Flower:

Long-Stemmed Red Rose

Chartered:

February 8, 1987

Color:

White & Blue





Organizations.

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208-225 Recognized Student Organizations

Photos: Justin Burr



American Criminal Justice Society

First Row: Wesley Simien, Julianna Carmouche, Taylor Aucoin, Christopher Fremin
Last Row: Shelton Adams, Santana Mount, Oneka Jackson, Kylie Nix, Colleen Carline, Kylie Spivey, Jonathan Waguespack



AITP Association for Information Technology Professionals

First Row: Joey Willis, Alba Maloff, Bryce Futrell
Last Row: Tia Smith, Spencer L. Sepulvado, Tanner Brazil, Tristan Ponder, Thomas Matuschka, Emily Wiley



Alpha Kappa Alpha

First Row: Chantel Johnson, Le'Kayla Smith, Tene Cotton
Last Row: Jamie French, Marquita Benjamin, Erica Brothers, Azhani Bennett, Jalesia Pear.

Alpha Epsilon Delta



First Row: Samantha Simmons, Mary Peltier, Dr. Kurt Phifer, Christina Arrechavala, Spade Allen
 Second Row: Dakota Brogdon, Jared Parks, Genesis N. Rondon, Andrea Gathercole, Alexis Balbuena, Karoline Guidry, Taylor Powell, Maddison Venue
 Last Row: Ronicia Howze, Briggs Simpson, Aron Stephens, Caleb Webster, Shannon Roussell, Alanna Fox, Sheridan Smith, Jade Gaines

Alpha Lambda Delta



First Row: Jinger Sepulvado, Ashtin Mouton, Emily Miller, Madeline Taylor, Madysen Watts, Robyn Beatty, Hannah Gaspard, Kaelyn Musgrave, Reatha Cox
 Second Row: Bethanie Couch, Shelby Ansley, Brooklyn Frerks, Isabella Jones, Kenedy Lampart, Sidney Gilder, Logan Simoneux, Karley Herbert, Brooke Meade, Abigail Reynolds
 Third Row: Deyone White, Reagan Escudé, Luke Conway, Matthew Fontenot, Mary Ellen Myers, Christa McCormick, Paige West, Abby Hinds, Kaycee Collinsworth
 Last Row: Caleb Jones, Jacob Ellis, Zachary Breaux

Alpha Phi Alpha



First Row: Jalen Clark, Gabriel DeCuir, William C. Willoughby
 Last Row: David Sampson, Byron Stevens, Kendrick Payne, Joshua Wilkins, Marquise Foster, Cam Coleman



American Chemical Society

Left to Right: Slade Allen, Erin Potson, Jasmine Juarez, Shelby Drope, Shreyashi Ganguly



Alpha Omicron Pi

First Row: Ashley Rico, Gabby D'Antoni, Denese Smith, Mya Holmes, Rachel Chimeno, Christina Poole, Mia Bashay, Genna Higginbotham, Alison Garcia
 Second Row: Virginia Falgoust, Stephanie Cohen, Nicole Cohen, Taylor Powell, Brynn Offutt, Julie Breaux, Brittney Jacob, Skylar Abrams, Alyssa Lloid, Madison Willett
 Third Row: Jessie Roy, Morgan Bryant, Makayla King, Autumn Blanchard, Samantha Sims, Noel Cusick, Hannah Boquet, Daneisha Rayford, Kaitlyn Hotz, Samantha Clark, Jacklyn Marr
 Last Row: Ronicia Howze, Jinger Sepulvado, Halle Mahfouz, Carrigen Cain, Katie Lind, Taylor Spencer, Amber Lamers, Ali West, Madison Youngblood, Klöe Vergan, Hannah Pettus



Argus

First Row: Jordan Durio, Katie Rayburn, Lessie Walters, Madeleine Morrow
 Last Row: Allie Atkinson, Willie Sanlat, Killion Arnold, Daishya Vercher, Jaleia Parker

Blue Key



First Row: Christina Arrechavala, Mary Peltier, Jordan Reich
Last Row: Dean Frances Conine, Jacklyn Marr, Karli Kennedy, Jade Gaines, Ieshia Thomas, Destiny Simon

Brainy Acts Poetry Society



Left to Right: Mykesha Page, Daraseres Hicks, DeKameron Campbell, Rishard Winford, Syera Lane.

Circle K



First Row: Destany Brown, Maddison Benge, Rayna Brantley
Last Row: Nickolas Juneau, Destiny Celestine, Lara Schales, Shelby Riedel, Kayla Pitre, Alanna Fox, Shakayla Douglas, William Willoughby



College Panhellenic Council

Left to Right: Ashtyn Hare, Samantha Sims, Brianna Ashley



Cultural Exploration Organization

Left to Right: De'Sean Britton, Tracy West, Don'Keita Swayne, Lohan Simoneaux, Seth Baggett, Maina Ibn-Mohammed, Michael K. Raymond, Elijah Jno-Baptiste, Robert Devold, Martin Richard, Mya Hooks.



Delta Sigma Theta

Left to Right: Miracle Mays, Tashari Stringer, Tatyanna Kinsey, Kylan Poullard, Shania Dauterive, Nijah Lain

Demons Support Demons



First Row: Alexis Johnson, Melissa Polizzi, Ashlyn Guidry, Cici Williams, Meg Denny
Second Row: Airrol Angelle, Glendalyn Boothe, Elliot Angelo Davis, Emily Sharpe, Alex Gautreaux, T'Keaya Cooper, Katelyn Johnson, Caleb Howell

Eta Sigma Phi



First Row: Nickolas Juneau, Kelli Hickerson, Jacob Ware, Ashley Wisthoff, Payton Miller, Davina McClain, Staci Maddox, Ariel Bailey
Last Row: Logan Turner, Maddie Morrow, Deanna Lovejoy Villareal, Irene Hild, Caleb Howell, Ashleigh Pope

FMLA Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance



First Row: Jordan Garcia, Haleigh Gates, Melissa Polizzi, Ciauntra Williams, Glendalyn Boothe, Ashlyn Guidry.
Last Row: Elliot Angelo Davis, Ja'Lesia Mims, Meg Denny, Destinee Christie, Caleb Howell, Samantha Burgess.



Gamers Guild

First Row: Anthony Renteria, Sabrina Mckeithen, Angela Boivin, Christopher Fermin
Last Row: Brandon Cagle, Eric Gallion, Julian Caesar



Helping Hands

First Row: Rashima Stewart, Kayla Rockett, Tene Cotton, Miracle Mays, Shae Montgomery, Jasmine Poe.
Second Row: Tay Austin, Alexis Babes, Destiny Mays, Erin Dotson, Phyncha Richard, Jasmine Roberts, Shauntavia Green.
Last Row: Darius Brock, Jordan Awry, Justin Williams, Jaimee Henderson, Marquita Benjamin, Cheyenne Ware, Jalacia Toussant, Eboni Palmer, Alanna Foz, Javon Guilbeaux.



Kappa Alpha

First Row: Garrett Drouant, Chandler Vascocu, Ben Brandao, Matt Broekman, Dakota Schudalla, Jared Bryce, Clint Oliver
last Row: Seth Hartsfield, Jonathan Schluter, Tanner Moran, Alex Trotter, Lucas Darbonne, Gavin McRae, Mason Barnes, Briggs Simpson, Josh Wilkins, Cade Fredricks

Kappa Alpha Psi



First Row: Camilo Simancas, Javon Guilbeaux, Carlos Iambis,
Last Row: Caelon Powells, Steven Bryant, Adrian Alfaro, Darius Brock

Kappa Phi



First Row: Jamie Phillips, Claudia Rouleau, Chloe Rouleau, Shaina Kennedy, Heather Jones, Talyia Smith, Devin McCrory, Bryttani MacNamara, Kendra Jones, Katie Ingle, Juliana Garcia
Second Row: Alexis Dardar, Alexis Trosclair, Brianna Morosco, Sara Baggett, Raquel Gonzalez, Nichole Parker, Adrianna Metrejean, Rylie McFarlain, Shaterica thomas, Oneka Jackson
Last Row: Hannah Siebeneicher, Hannah Aslin, Jenna Morris, Mya Moton, Abigail Frazier, Madison Romero, Madison farquhar

Kappa Pi



Left to Right: Patrick Ramke, Brandy Ranel, Jordan Johnson, Jaliyah Jasper, Darryl Anderson



Kappa Sigma

First Row: Luke Lucky, Rowdy Burleson, Chance Carter
 Second Row: Christian Cunningham, Brenton Lester, Patrick Juneau, Jake Lacaze, Garrett Vienne, Luke Conway, Logan Sepulvado, Juan Santos, Angelo Vergara, Ronald Rodriguez, Matt Westerfield, Damien Davis, Jordan Enloe, Jair Morelos Castilla, Dawson Howie
 Last Row: Mason Smith, Jared Fisette, Warner Lee, Colin Milton, Colt Shankle, Nick Wiggins, Tyler Roberts, Joe Rogers, Warner Lee



KNWD

First Row: Kasi Patten, Gabby Di'Antoni
 Second Row: Cinnamon Player, Angie Samuel, Jenna Blayke Cornett, Holly Jenkins
 Third Row: Ka'lie Fisher, Candice Richardson, Jacob Farnsley, Cody LaCaze
 Last Row: Xavier Mathews, Michael Dailey, Landon Wright, Matt Craig, Jhalon Thomas, Noah Baudoin, Kailey Wisthoff



La Belle Femme

First Row: Destinie White, Brielle Moore, Laschae Gadson, Jaimee Henderson, Destiney Williams
 Last Row: Destiny Simon, Abryanna Harper, Ashley Hardeman, ShaKendra Davis, Jasmine Roberts, Lizzy Littleton, Maisyn Guillory, Pearlie Jones, Kendra Jones

Lifted Voices



First Row: Tatianna Randle, Asia Dauterive, Crystal Easter, Maya Hooks, Rakeisha Brown, Shaniya Fuselier, Donna Law, Ki'Ara LaFitte.
Second Row: JeVannica Williams, Malayah Currie, Kylan Poullard, Miracle Mays, Alison Thomas, Mykeshia Page, Janae Hanible, Ciera Bonvillian, Shania Dauterive.
Last Row: Destiney Williams, DeKameron Campbell, Brittany French, Lamairea Scott, Jakalyn Hills, Caleb Allen, Forrest Middlebrook Jr., Taylor Davis.

Louisiana Scholars' Forum Council



First Row: Jenna-Clair Courville, Melissa Polizzi, Glendalyn Boothe, Ashlyn Guidry, Jordan Reich, Andrea Gathercole, Alexis Balbuena
Last Row: Caleb Howell, Aron Stephens, Logan Turner, Jordan Molitor, JaRonda Griffin

Music Teachers National Association



First Row: Claudia Marie Musgrove, Natalia Zapata Yonoff, Shihuan Wang, Robyn Tan.
Last Row: Matthew Aguilera, Valentina Perez, Ramon Barralaga, Ronald Rodriguez.



Phi Beta Sigma

Left to Right: Justin Guillory, Ire'Viaun Garner, Zachery Marshall, Benjamin Nati-Johnson, Lavelle Mitchell



Phi Mu

The women of Phi Mu Fraternity



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

First Row: Ian Casidy, Michael Martin, John David Flyod, Eric Bourg, Logan Turner, Adam Normand, Brendan Raincrow.
Last Row: Matt Flynn, Byron Walters, Taylor Arnouville, Jhalon Thomas, Kyle Siddle, Aaron Martin, Will Faubion.

Pi Kappa Alpha



First Row: Hunter Horton, Chris Sanders, Nicholas Hopkin, Jacob Horton, Daven Dauzat, Trey Kolb, Charlie McClintock, Ryan Wright, Kyler Burns
 Second Row: Albert Hewitt, Jackson Matthews, Adam Courville, Jackson Driggers, Triston Bussel, Aaron Broussard, Josh Wendling
 Third Row: Behrend Behrendsen, Logan Boudreaux, Caleb Rhodes, Daniel Drews, Trey Roberts, Carlos Sykes, Michael Phelps
 Fourth Row: Kenan Carroll, Micah Broomfield, Dylan Daniels, Joe Bradley, Michael Canal, Michael Thomas, Rene Chaisson, Maxx Hibbs, Jacob Ellis

Pi Kappa Phi



First Row: Tyler Thomas, Blake Blanchard, Michael Daily, Jacob Guidry, Noah Baudoin, Thomas Marlborough, Kyle Lacks
 Last Row: Eriq Carver, Donta' Turner, Jordan Mitchell, Kenyon Johnson II, Tucker Ellis, Joseph Magnan, Zachary Linville, Terrence Green, Carter Whitaker, Caleb Boudreaux

Pride



Left to Right: Ciautra Williams, Victoria Peterson, Trevor O'Bannon, Caleb Howell, Samantha Burgess



Psychology Club

First Row: Jonathan Simmons, Jenna Morris, Tierra Perry, Savannah Cantwell, Anganette Lavine

Last Row: Shayla James, Macala Broussard, Brittney Garcie, Chelsea Beasley, Tayla Oliver, Laristha Brown, Melissa Boyanton, Mark Hart, Mya Moton, Sophia Cesarihi, André Boyer



Purple Jackets

First Row: Kylan Poullard, Shanteria Montgomery, Maggie Harris, Hunter Martin.

Last Row: Rebekah Aultman, Iesha Thomas, Destiny Simon, Abby Hinds, Carrigen Cain.



SAB Student Activities Board

First Row: Siera Sutton, Bralyn James, Lydia Doucet, Jhalon Thomas

Middle Row: Olivia Guidry, Amyris Anderson, Elisabeth Perez, Jaylon Lewis, Maya Porter, Brea Housley, Cylandria Clemons

Last Row: Bethany Lee, Neki Cloud, Darius Brock, Emily Benoit, Caelon Powells, Emily Bencosme, Shelby Sullivan, Trent Starks, Kennedy Cullen, Char'Tarian Wilson, Erika Jarlock, Jessica Coleman

SGA Student Government Association



First Row: Ragan Aple, Aly Jacobs, Trey Roberts, Tre Nelson, Antavious Roberson, Jasmine Roberts, Jacob Ellis
Second Row: Jacob Hammons, Melissa Ortiz, Taylor McBroom, Emilee Leger, Kendall Westfall, Phynedra Richard, Antanae Baylock, Ieshia Thomas, Cherish Wilson, Cam Coleman
Last Row: Alex Stewart, Grant Butts, L. J. Jones, Destiny Simon, Thomas Celles, Javon Guilbeaux, Lavelle Mitchell, Dedrick Lewis, David Sampson

Sigma Alpha Iota



First Row: Kasi Patten, Syroi Webb
Second Row: Alanna Hailey, Allison Freeman, Lauren Shexnayder, Jaqueline Coleman
Last Row: Kaylee Weakley, Mikayla Richardson, Morgan McCrory, Jackie Flair, Caitlyn Barber

Sigma Nu



First Row: Christian Nevins, Kyle Courville, Zach Pursley, Devon Hill
Second Row: Tre Nelson, Jacob Hammons, Lucas Moncla, Joshua Newton, Randy Woodlee, Grant Butts, Roger Luafalemana, Quentin Coleman, Anson Ballow, Josh Coleman,
Last Row: Hunter Wamack, Landon Wright, Hayden Pilcher, Matthew Creasey, Lyndon Knueppel, Jamal Harrell, Caleb Jones, Elliott Lancaster, Brandon Judd



Sigma Sigma Sigma

The women of Sigma Sigma Sigma Fraternity. Photo: The Greek Yearbook



Social Work Club

First Row: Alanna Fox, Shauntavia Green, Ciera Bonvillian, Odie Trusty, Kierra Doucet, Jasmine Poe, Moesha Smith
Last Row: Malayah Currie, Shakiyla Lindsey, Maya Hooks, Kiara Arnold, Chris Webb, Kierra Blase, Kaitlyn Hotz, Shelby Loftin, Precious Smith



Speech and Debate

First Row: Kiara Arnold, Hannah Morris, Kelsey Jordan, Alice Wilson, Devin McCrory.
Last Row: Brianna Howard, Matthew Craig, Brandy Ranel, Jesse Coats, Dr. Chad Thibodeaux, T. Davina McClain.

Students for Recovery



Left to Right: Tierra Perry, André Boyer, Miranda Bartlett, Kelsey Jordan, Jonathan Simmons, Savannah Cantwell

SWAT Students with a Target



Left to Right: Maggie Welch, Sheridan Douglas, Taylor Aucoin, Halle Lawson

Tau Beta Sigma



First Row: Corrine Rite, Emilee Hawkins, Tizzie Raggs, Amanda Billeaudeau, Brittany Brown, Katie Speiche, Kelsey Cassidy, Melissa Woods, Ciara Gibbs.
Last Row: Kylah Banasky, PJ Trichel, Jade Richmond, Eric Pannel II, Daphne Hammett, Kelsea Long, Jessica Bollingham, Rance Mason, Matayzsha Dorsey.



Tau Kappa Epsilon

First Row: Austin Waldon, Devin Forestier, Austin Dodson, Christopher Fugere
Last Row: Cameron Tinley, Clash Haire, Tristan Ponder, LaJarious Jones, Eric Gallion, Cedrick Lott, Jacard Russell



The Current Sauce

First Row: Keator Poleman, Jordan Reich, Holly Jenkins, Christina Arrechavala, Zoe Almaraz, Samantha Maiette, Samantha Clark
Last Row: Maygin Chesson, Alec Horton, Sean McGraw, Valentina Perez Espinosa, Sarah Hill, Jasmine Johnson, Melissa Taylor



Tri Beta

First Row: Tremia Lockett, Jordan Bringedahl, Taylor Powell, Ekaterina Bordelon, Tyler Cummings.
Last Row: Shannon Jones, Stan Mays, Drake Johnson, Unai Neketa, Desean Britton.

Vet Tech Club



Left to Right: Kaitlyn Neiman, Tyler Cummings, Jada Dudley, Treniya wadley, Stephanie Graham, Katie Woodard,
Front: Allison Deglandon

Zeta Phi Beta



First Row: Saquan Jenkins, Ashlee Arkansas, Tiffany Calhoun, Latrice Smith, Kylah Banasky, Corrine Fite, Enonedria Thompson
Last Row: Kenya Gradnigo, Essie Winzer, Dara Woods, Takea' Dorsey, Vanessa Johnson, Shanevia Houston, Alexis Taylor



People.

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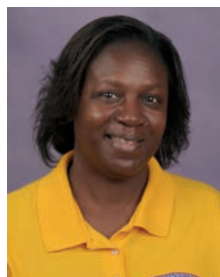
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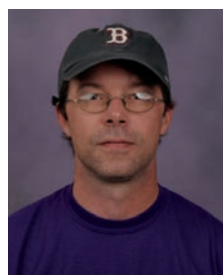
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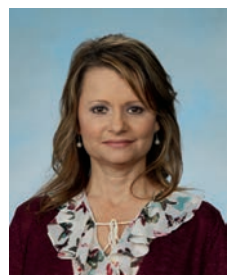
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Elaine Dorian Eaton



Chris Eding



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Christine Ferrell



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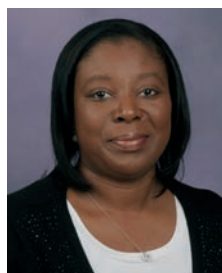
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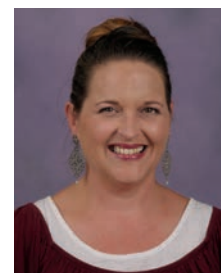
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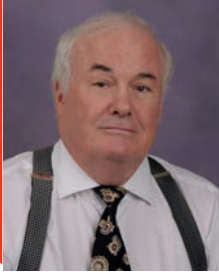
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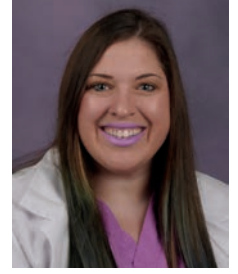
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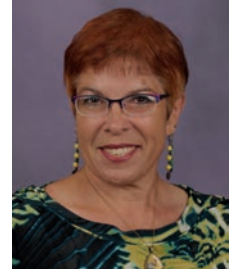
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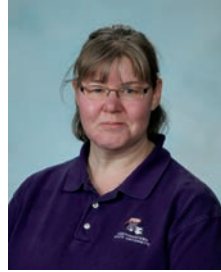
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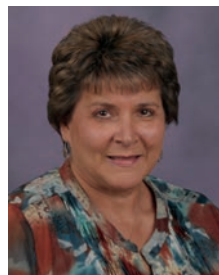
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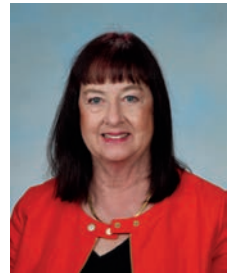
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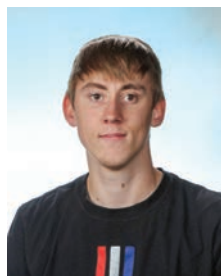
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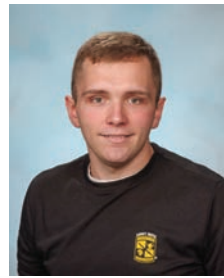
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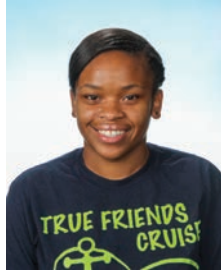
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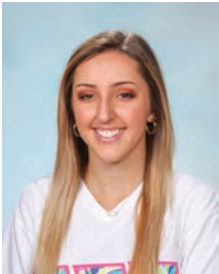
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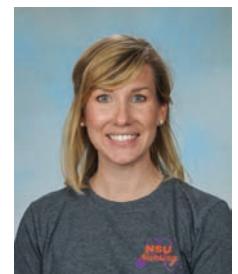
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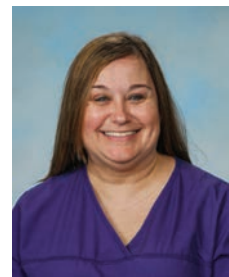
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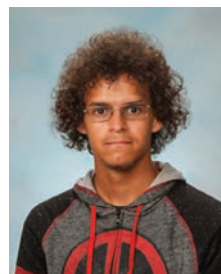
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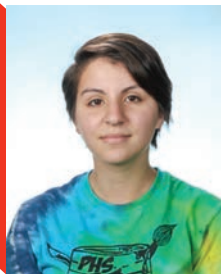
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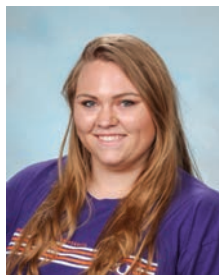
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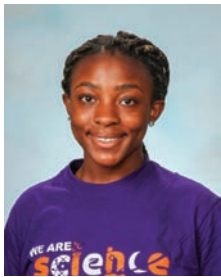


Adleigh Denham



Demon Spotlight: Hannah Dunn

Hannah Dunn is full of talent, but also bad luck. She could play piano at the state level before entering college, she can eat with chopsticks because she is obsessed with Chinese and Japanese food, but she has the worst luck with phones, breaking hers three times in just four months!



Kimberly Dennis



Kylie Descant



Kinley Deville



Nancy Diaz



Trenton Dill



Jennifer Doiron



Andrianne Dore



Sheridan Douglas



Madeline Drake



Garrett Drouant



Lester Dugas



Hannah Dunn



LaShae Duplechain



Bailey Duplechain



Madelyn Dupont



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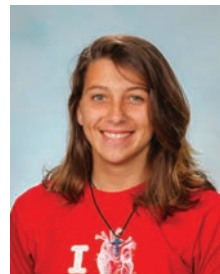
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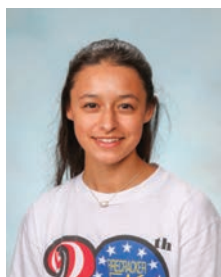
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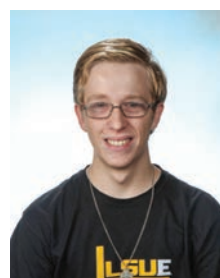
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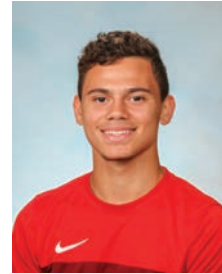
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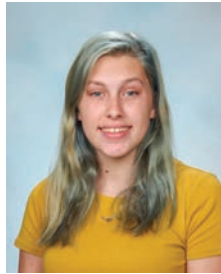
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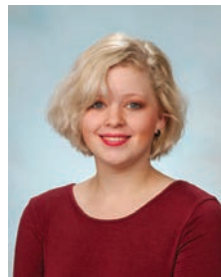
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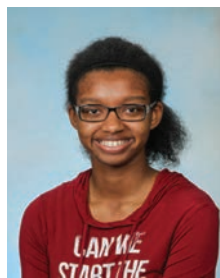
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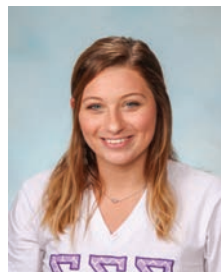
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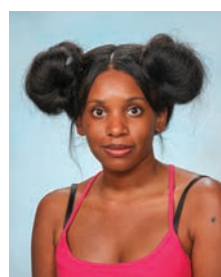
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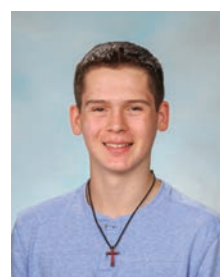
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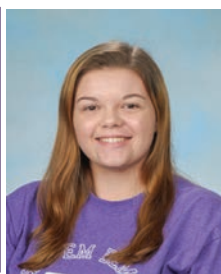
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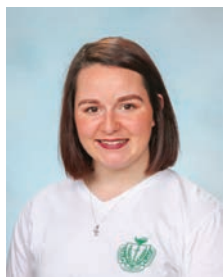
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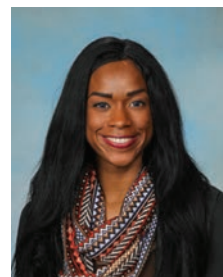
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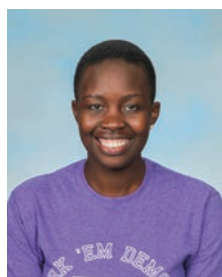
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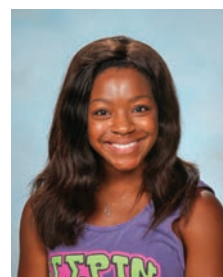
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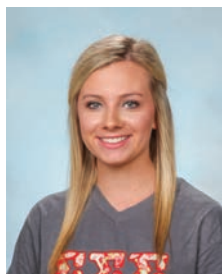
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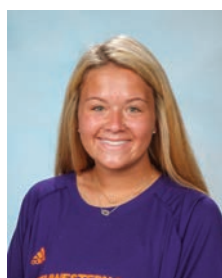
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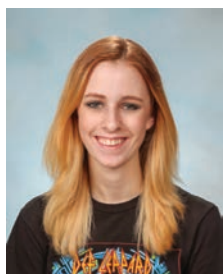
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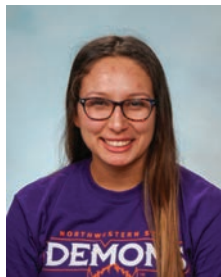
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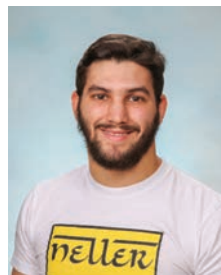
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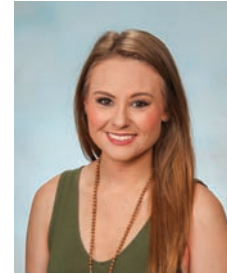
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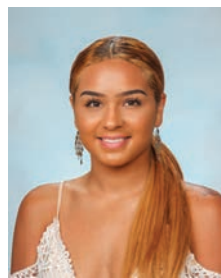
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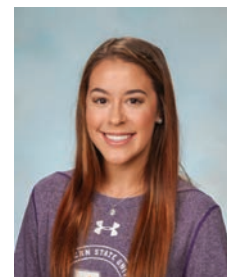
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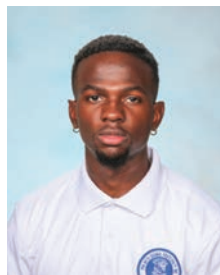
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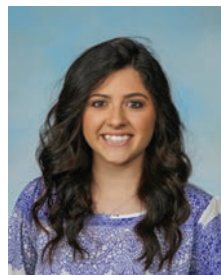
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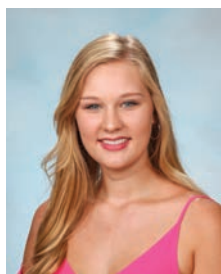
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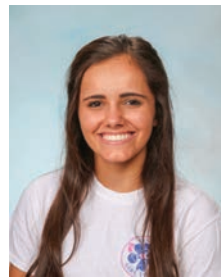
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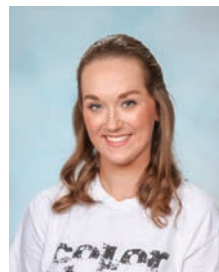
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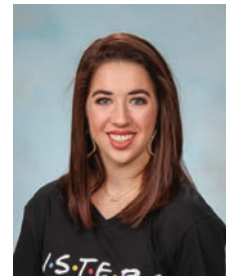
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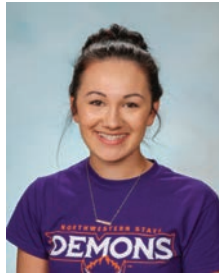
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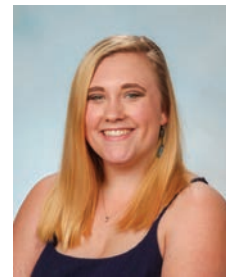
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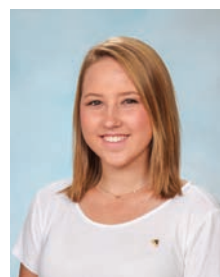
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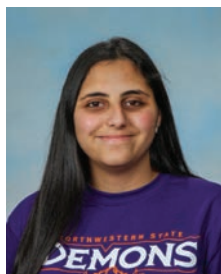
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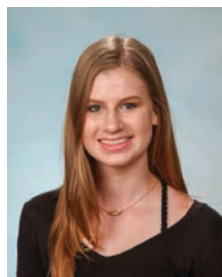
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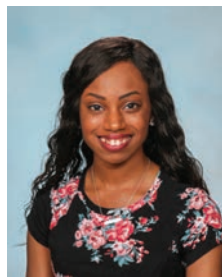
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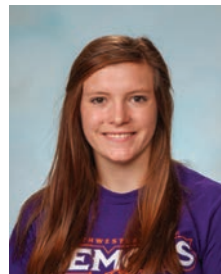
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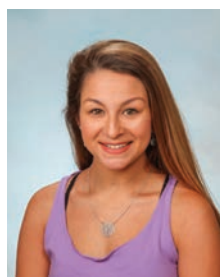
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Letter from the Editor

Sitting here in the dim, fluorescent light of the Potpourri office, I am surrounded by chips and salsa, Vic's chicken pasta, 17 sticky notes demanding I do something else at this moment, and a Yeti full of water I could only wish was wine right now. (Come on Jesus, I need you.) Blasting Eminem on the computer, I'm hoping the faculty walking by in the hall are hard of hearing enough to not catch the words he's rapping. You know that meme of the little girl chilling on the picnic table surrounded by flames? Just thinking "Hm, the world is kind of being destroyed around me, but it's all good." All that is getting me through this next hour is the motivation to make it alive to Big C Night. Hours in an office makes a burger sound so good.

The beginning of the spring semester is the most stressful part of the yearbook year. For most of the year, you can ease up on deadlines if things aren't quite finished yet, but once February hits, it's all or nothing. Ease up too much and you'll have the whole book to write in two weeks.

Here I am. Procrastinating replying to the publisher, hoping a miracle will be bestowed upon me, and an angel will grant me all the pictures I am missing. Hoping she will grant me the knowledge to correctly identify all the people in the book.

Because I needed all the help I could get this year, some thank you's are in order.

To Jacklyn, for the late nights and endless hours of working on the book. I'll never know how I

came to deserve to have you on staff. I am eternally grateful for you and your artistic eye that designed the most rad cover I have ever seen.

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To my incredible staff, I hope y'all didn't want to drop kick me out the window too many times this year. I love you all and I am so thankful for y'all's dedication and hard work.

To the next editor, get ready for a wild ride.

In my interview to apply for this position, I got super nervous at the head of Dr. Maggio's conference table, and Tommy Whitehead was staring me down with a simple question. "Tell us about yourself." I couldn't remember my name, what I was applying for, or why the heck I even thought I could do this. So I panicked and blurted, "Well, if this doesn't work out, then I'd like to be a truck driver with a monkey or a professional cat juggler." An awkward silence ensued and I finished the interview with half my dignity and a whole lot of laughter.

Well I am very glad I got this position because I am scared of monkeys and have no idea how to juggle. So thank you, Northwestern State University, for giving me this opportunity, lest I be living under the Keyser bridge, eating dried ramen from a tire, wishing I could pay my rent with a scholarship. Much thanks. Much love. And as always, Fork 'em Demons.

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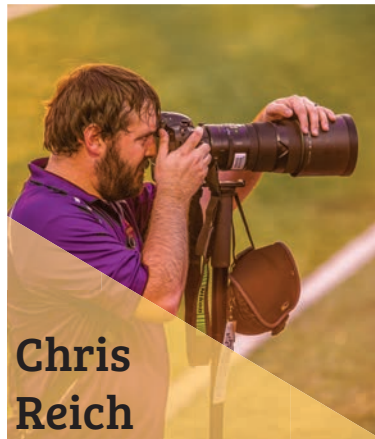


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